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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to spouses as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*3/4/2025*
Peter J. Durant	*Worcester and Hampshire*	*3/17/2025*
Nick Collins	*First Suffolk*	*4/7/2025*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 914) of Bruce E. Tarr and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to spouses as caregivers. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *808* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act relative to spouses as caregivers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services, in conjunction with the secretary of elder affairs, shall take action, including requesting federal approval, if required, to permit spouses to serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program. Any federal approvals that may be required to implement this section shall be filed no later than 6 months after the effective date of this act.”.