

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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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:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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