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HOUSE . . . . . No. 148

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Sánchez

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act to clarify the definition of a personal care attendant.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jeffrey Sánchez	*15th Suffolk*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*

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By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 148) of Jeffrey Sánchez and others relative to personal care services to persons with disabilities or seniors under the MassHealth program. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *75* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to clarify the definition of a personal care attendant.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28 of Chapter 118G of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by deleting the existing definition of a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) and by replacing said existing definition with the following new definition:

Personal Care Attendant (PCA) – a person, including a personal aide, who has been selected by a consumer or the consumer's surrogate to provide personal care services to persons with disabilities or seniors under the MassHealth personal care attendant program or any successor program, or under any program operated by an entity under contract in whole or in part with MassHealth, the Executive Office of Health & Human Services and/or the Executive Office of Health & Human Services departments and divisions.

SECTION 2. Section 31(b) of Chapter 118G of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following phrase at the end of the fifth sentence in that subsection:

",or under any program operated by an entity under contract in whole or in part with MassHealth, the Executive Office of Health & Human Services and/or the Executive Office of Health & Human Services departments and divisions."

16 SECTION 3. MassHealth and/or the Executive Office of Health and Human Services
17 and its departments and divisions, shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary
18 for the implementation and administration of this section.