

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara A. L'Italien

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 bill:

An Act regarding spouses as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REGARDING 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 SECTION 1. Section 9 of Chapter 118E is hereby amended by adding in the second sentence of the
- 2 second paragraph, after the words "requirements for Title XIX" the following new language:--
- 3 "Any program of home and community based services funded pursuant to the provisions of this chapter
- 4 or pursuant to the provisions chapter one hundred and eighteen G, in which family members are
- 5 permitted to serve as paid caregivers, shall include spouses within the definition of family member."