

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 612**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Danielle W. Gregoire***

*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 promoting affordability of home care services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>

<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>

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By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 612) of Danielle W. Gregoire and others relative to fees for home care services for certain seniors. Elder Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act promoting affordability of home care services.

*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 4A of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, in hereby amended striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following:--

4 “Section 4A. The department shall establish a sliding fee scale to provide home care  
5 services for certain persons whose income exceeds the limits established under Title XX of the  
6 Social Security Act. On July first of each year, the department shall increase the financial  
7 eligibility limits for home services, including the sliding fee scale, by a percentage equal to the  
8 percentage increase in federal social security benefits for that fiscal year. The department shall  
9 ensure that persons eligible for services based on established age and functional criteria shall  
10 have access to care that is sufficiently affordable to prevent institutional long-term care  
11 placements unless such placements are in the best medical interests of said eligible persons;  
12 provided further, the department shall ensure that service recipients at or below the state median  
13 income shall pay no more than 60% of the cost of applicable care plans. The department shall

- 14 forward to the house and senate committees on ways and means on or before March first of each
- 15 year, a full report on the status of the home care program audit.”