



Legislative Endorsement

Bill No. and Title: Bill S 89 H 1305 An Act Allowing Spouses to Serve as Caregivers

Sponsor(s) and Committee: Sen. Comerford, Rep. Orall, Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities

Legislative History: Hearing: January 4th, 2022, and September 14th, 2021

Legislation Text: SECTION 1. The second paragraph of section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in the second sentence, after the words “requirements for Title XIX”, the following words:--

; provided, that any program of home and community based services funded pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or chapter 118G, in which family members are permitted to serve as paid caregivers, shall include spouses within the definition of family member; provided further, the executive office of health and human services shall file a state plan amendment or wavier application, as may be required, to allow spouses to serve as paid caregivers;

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