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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Kathi-Anne Reinstein**

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*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 to Promote the Development Of Small house Nursing Homes In Massachusetts.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to Promote the Development Of Small house Nursing Homes In Massachusetts.

*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. For the purposes of this act, “small house nursing home” means a nursing home licensed under Section 72 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, that 1) consists of one or more units designed and modeled as a private home which house no more than ten individuals in each unit, 2) includes only private rooms and bathrooms, 3) establishes a self-directed model of care for residents that incorporates collaborative decision making by residents and staff, 4) provide for a universal worker approach to resident care that is organized to support and empower all staff to respond to the needs and desires of residents; and 6) provides for consistent staff assignments.

The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy shall promulgate regulations to establish a special add-on to rates of reimbursement for nursing facilities that develop and operate small house nursing homes. The add-on will be established to reflect the additional capital costs required in the construction of a small house nursing home.

In developing the small house add-on, The Division shall consult with the following organizations and individuals in developing the methodology for determining the small house add-on and in determining the requirements for facilities to receive the add-on:

* Director of the Division of Health Care Quality at the Department of Public Health or a designee,
* Secretary of Elder Affairs, or a designee
* At least one architect that has been involved with the development of a small house nursing home
* At least one small house nursing home provider/operator
* At least two representatives from the Massachusetts Culture Change Coalition including a representative from MassAging