

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balser

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 protect nursing home residents

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
Cynthia Stone Creem	First Middlesex and Norfolk
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
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Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
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Joyce A. Spiliotis	12th Essex
Gale D. Candaras	First Hampden and Hampshire
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
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Robert F. Fennell	10th Essex
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex

Rosemary Sandlin	3rd Hampden
Katherine Clark	32nd Middlesex
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
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Stephen R. Canessa	12th Bristol
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
William Lantigua	16th Essex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROTECT NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.

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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 72Z the following section:-

3 Section 72AA. The department, in consultation with the secretary of elder affairs, shall
4 promulgate further regulations to promote and protect the interests and well being of residents in
5 nursing homes, rest homes, and long-term care facilities, including but not limited to timely
6 notification to the resident and designated family member or legal representative of relevant
7 changes in resident care, posting of care and communication standards in a clear and
8 conspicuous manner, and process for distributing a copy of all applicable rules and regulations to
9 the resident, designated family member or legal representative including a written
10 acknowledgment of receipt.