

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian S. Dempsey

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 relative to reserving beds in nursing homes for residents during certain leaves of absence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 607 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RESERVING BEDS IN NURSING HOMES FOR RESIDENTS DURING CERTAIN LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

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 14A of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs:
2 In the event that a nursing facility resident who is a MassHealth recipient enters a hospital, the division shall pay to
3 preserve his or her bed in the nursing facility for a period of up to 10 days. The division shall reimburse the nursing
4 facility for the medical leave of absence, which shall include an observation stay in a hospital in excess of twenty-
5 four hours, at the recipient's pre-absence rate during the medical leave and upon the resident's return.
6 In the event that a nursing facility resident who is a MassHealth recipient leaves the nursing facility for
7 non-medical reasons, the division shall pay to preserve his or her bed in the facility for a period of up to 15 days.
8 The division shall reimburse the nursing facility for the non-medical leave of absence at the recipient's pre-absence
9 rate during the non-medical leave and upon the resident's return.
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