

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Koutoujian

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 nursing homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Peter J. Koutoujian	10th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 615 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NURSING HOMES.

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 is hereby amended by inserting after section 72C the following
2 section:—
- 3 Section 72C1/2. Nursing homes licensed and operated in the commonwealth shall be required to discuss, and
4 document said discussion, regarding advance directives for end of life issues within 2 weeks of admitting new
5 residents. This discussion should cover treatment instructions and proxy instructions for the level of care a patient
6 would want in a life-threatening situation and the option to designate an individual as a durable power of attorney.
7 Any advance directive forms indicated by this discussion should also be completed within this time frame.

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