

HOUSE No. 1313

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jon Santiago

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to infection control in nursing facilities.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Jon Santiago</i> | <i>9th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/19/2021</i> |
| <i>Nika C. Elugardo</i> | <i>15th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i> | <i>14th Worcester</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>3/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> | <i>3/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>3/6/2021</i> |
| <i>Adrian C. Madaro</i> | <i>1st Suffolk</i> | <i>3/8/2021</i> |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>3/12/2021</i> |
| <i>Tommy Vitolo</i> | <i>15th Norfolk</i> | <i>3/14/2021</i> |
| <i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/15/2021</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/16/2021</i> |
| <i>William C. Galvin</i> | <i>6th Norfolk</i> | <i>3/17/2021</i> |
| <i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i> | <i>3rd Berkshire</i> | <i>3/19/2021</i> |
| <i>Vanna Howard</i> | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/19/2021</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>3/22/2021</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>3/24/2021</i> |
| <i>Danillo A. Sena</i> | <i>37th Middlesex</i> | <i>4/5/2021</i> |

HOUSE No. 1313

By Mr. Santiago of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1313) of Jon Santiago and others relative to infection control in nursing facilities. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to infection control in nursing facilities.

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. The Department shall use Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) monies as
2 authorized under 42 USC 488.433 federal law, to establish an Infection Preventionist training
3 grant program for certified nursing facilities. Per §483.80(b)(4) under the State Operations
4 Manual Appendix PP - Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities, Infection
5 Preventionist must have completed specialized training in infection prevention and control. The
6 grant should be sufficient to cover costs associated with nationally recognized, clinically robust
7 training and education for Infection Preventionists.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 official edition
9 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section: -

10 Section 79: In setting reimbursement rates for nursing homes, the executive office of
11 health and human services shall reimburse facilities for compensation to employ a full-time
12 Infection Preventionist.

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 official edition
14 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section: -

15 Section 80. The executive office of health and human services shall provide supplemental
16 payments to licensed nursing facilities that consistent with guidelines established by the
17 executive office of health and human services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and
18 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services establish isolation and quarantine rooms in order to
19 prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Daily payment for isolation rooms shall be no less than
20 the facility's average Medicaid daily rate for every isolation and quarantine room.