

HOUSE No. 2147

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
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Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:

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

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

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

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