

HOUSE No. 653

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven Ultrino

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 rest home rate adjustments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>

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By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 653) of Steven Ultrino and others relative to rate adjustments and reimbursements for the cost of residential care homes or rest homes. Elder Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to rest home rate adjustments.

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 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 79 the following section:-

3 Section 80. (a) The secretary of health and human services shall promulgate regulations
4 that provide for rate adjustment and reimbursement within ninety days for any residential care
5 home or rest home that hires licensed nursing staff to address increased clinical needs of their
6 residents.

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8 (b) The secretary of health and human services shall promulgate regulations that provide
9 for rate adjustment and reimbursement within ninety days of implementing plans of correction
10 for any residential care home or rest home subject to mandated improvements per department of
11 public health certification and licensure surveys.