

**SENATE . . . . . No. 353**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***James B. Eldridge, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 to provide the elderly access to electronic billing services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*William H. Robinson, Jr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Westborough, MA 01581*

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By Mr. Eldridge (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 353) of William H. Robinson, Jr for legislation to provide the elderly access to electronic billing services. Elder Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to provide the elderly access to electronic billing services.

*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. Whereas, elderly residents are living longer because of the medical  
2 advancements (better life through chemistry),

3 Where as, a newly passed law (H.4347) allows retirement homes residents to have  
4 legalized access to purchase alcoholic beverages at the facilities (purchase increased enjoyment  
5 through libation),

6 Where as, IRAs, Annuities, and other forms of savings distributions require risk  
7 adverse accounting and wealth management (avoid out living our money),

8 Where as, electronic billing services that are available to the public can alert senior  
9 residents with billing due date alerts and post payment transactions the same day (prodding  
10 fragile minds),

11           Therefore, the following amendments to Massachusetts General Laws, so it will be  
12 aligned and supportive of existing executive office of elder affairs guidance and initiatives for  
13 Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs), Life Care Communities (LCCs) and other  
14 retirement facilities to be provided with access to electronic billing, purchasing and payment  
15 services that are available to the public through current advancement in computerized and  
16 network-based technologies.

17           These electronic billing, purchasing and payment service provides cash flow  
18 management, accounting reporting, as well as annual budget information, and more. These  
19 features will aid senior residents in improving transaction accounting operations and wealth  
20 portfolio management for IRAs, Annuities, and other forms of savings distributions.

21           SECTION 2. Hereby amends section 76 of Chapter 93 as appearing in the Official  
22 Edition of the General Laws passed through May June 30, 2014 by adding after the paragraph (g  
23 1-3).

24           (g) Providers shall, to the maximum extent practicable:

25           (4) Provide residents access to electronic billing, purchasing and payment services that  
26 are available to the public through current advancement in computerized and network-based  
27 technologies.

28           SECTION 3. REGULATION OF TRADE AND CERTAIN ENTERPRISES should  
29 promulgate the amendment through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.