

**SENATE . . . . . No. 361**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Richard J. Ross*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 361**

By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 361) of Richard J. Ross for legislation to conduct background checks on residents of nursing and assisted living facilities. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 366 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to residents of nursing homes and assisted living 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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after Section 72E the following section:-

3           Section 72E1/2. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, nursing  
4 home and assisted living facility administrators shall conduct background checks of all potential  
5 residents to promote a safe living environment and for the protection of all current residents.