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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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:

An act promoting the development of small house nursing homes in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Karen E. Spilka	*Second Middlesex and Norfolk*
James M. Murphy	*4th Norfolk*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 293) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Sal N. DiDomenico, Jonathan Hecht, Karen E. Spilka and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote the development of small house nursing homes in the Commonwealth. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *272* OF 2011-2012.]

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An act promoting 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:

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

SECTION 2. There is hereby established a task force on the Development of Small House Nursing Homes. The task force is charged with studying and recommending strategies to promote the development of small house nursing homes in Massachusetts which include but shall not be limited to:

• the establishment of an add-on to rates of reimbursement for nursing facilities by the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy that develop and operate small house nursing homes to reflect the additional capital costs required in the construction of a small house nursing home.

• The establishment of no or low-cost loans to develop small house nursing homes

17 • Identification of other regulatory barriers that impede the ability to develop and operate
18 small house nursing homes

19 The task force shall be chaired by the Director of the Division of Health Care Safety and
20 Quality at the Department of Public Health, the commissioner of the Division of Health Care
21 Finance and Policy or a designee, the Director of MassHealth or a designee, the Secretary of
22 Elder Affairs, or a designee, the House and Senate chairs of the Committee on Elder Affairs, at
23 least one architect that has been involved with the development of a small house nursing home,
24 at least two providers that have developed or in the process of developing/operating small house
25 nursing homes, and the president of LeadingAge Massachusetts or a designee.

26 The Task Force shall make a report with its recommendations to the Chairs of Ways and
27 Means and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services by December 31, 2013.