

HOUSE No. 1029

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Hogan

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 relative to reserving beds in nursing homes for residents during certain leaves of absence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Katherine M. Clark</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1029) of Kate Hogan and others relative to the payment and preservation of beds in nursing home facilities for recipients of MassHealth benefits. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to reserving beds in nursing homes for residents during certain leaves of absence.

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 14A of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following paragraphs:
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4 In the event that a nursing facility resident who is a MassHealth recipient enters a hospital, the
5 division shall pay to preserve his or her bed in the nursing facility for a period of up to and
6 including 10 calendar days per medical event. The division shall reimburse the nursing facility
7 for the medical leave of absence, which shall include an observation stay in a hospital in excess
8 of twenty-four hours, at the recipients pre-absence rate during the medical leave and upon the
9 residents return. In the event that a nursing facility resident who is a MassHealth recipient leaves
10 the nursing facility for non-medical reasons, the division shall pay to preserve his or her bed in
11 the facility for a period of up to and including 15 days per year. The division shall reimburse the
12 nursing facility for the non-medical leave of absence at the recipients pre-absence rate during the
13 non-medical leave and upon the residents return.