

HOUSE No. 01100

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

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 assisted living residences.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

16th Suffolk

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By Ms. Kathi-Anne Reinstein of Revere, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01100) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein relative to assisted living residences. Joint Committee on Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to assisted living residences.

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. Section 5 of said chapter 19D, as so appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the following:-
3 The department shall provide through its certification unit annual training for assisted living
4 residences on the recertification and review process. This training shall include, but not be
5 limited to, the department's interpretation of the general laws, regulations, procedures, and
6 policies concerning the review process. The review process shall be interactive, with the sharing
7 of information and recommendations between the assisted living residence and the department.
8 The department shall notify assisted living residences of proposed policy changes and seek
9 comment from assisted living residences before instituting a policy change concerning the
10 regulations and review process.

11 SECTION 2. Section 7 of said chapter 19D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the
12 following sentence:-

13 The program in conjunction with assisted living residences, shall establish clear and consistent
14 protocols for collecting and gathering of information in order to better evaluate trends in assisted
15 living operations. The program shall exchange this information with assisted living residence
16 providers on a biannual basis.

17 SECTION 3. Section 15 of said chapter 19D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out
18 the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

19 (c) There shall be a required 4 hours of general orientation training per year devoted to the topic
20 of dementia and cognitive impairments for all assisted living employees. Assisted living
21 residences shall have 60 days from the start of employment to satisfy the general orientation
22 training for each employee. There shall be a required 4 hours per year of ongoing education and
23 training on the specialized needs of residents with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia for
24 all assisted living employees.

25 SECTION 4. Section 15 of said chapter 19D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the
26 following paragraph:-

27 (d) Notwithstanding regulations promulgated by the department, employees with the required
28 general orientation training as required by the department shall be transferable for each employee
29 from one residence to another. Transferability of required training shall not apply to company-
30 specific training or building-specific safety training.