

HOUSE No. 1383

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven George Xiarhos, (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 relative to emergency backup power in newly-constructed senior housing facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Pauline Dupuis</i>	<i>38A Balsam Court, Buzzards Bay 02532</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1383) of Pauline Dupuis relative to emergency backup power in newly-constructed senior housing facilities. Housing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to emergency backup power in newly-constructed senior housing 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, every senior
2 housing facility newly-constructed after the effective date of this act shall be required to be
3 equipped with emergency backup electric generators prior to the issuance of any occupancy
4 permit by a city or town. For the purposes of this act, the term "senior housing facility" shall be
5 defined as any residential property with four or more dwelling units that is specifically intended
6 to serve as the primary residence for persons aged 55 years and older, and shall include but not
7 be limited to supportive housing, shared living in congregate settings, and continuing care
8 communities.