

HOUSE No. 1975

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Moran

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 the continuous skilled nursing program in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael J. Moran</i>	<i>18th Suffolk</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1975) of Michael J. Moran and others relative to the continuous skilled nursing program. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to the continuous skilled nursing program in the commonwealth.

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. MassHealth, through its home health care agency program, in accordance with
2 130 CMR 403, shall perform a biennial programmatic review of the Commonwealth’s
3 continuous skilled nursing (CSN) program, serving medically complex children and adults. Said
4 review shall be submitted as a report to the House and Senate Committees on Ways & Means
5 and to the no later than December 31, of odd numbered years. Said report shall include: (a.) the
6 total number of children and adults enrolled in the program, (b.) the total number of authorized
7 hours for services in the program, (c.) the total number of hours serviced in the program, (d.) the
8 total number of enrolled patients in the program whom were admitted at least one time in the last
9 year to a hospital, and (e.) an analysis of the percentage change in average hourly earnings for all
10 RNs and LPNs in the commonwealth over the two year period, provided further; that if the
11 percentage of unfilled service hours exceeds twenty percent, the Office of Medicaid shall include
12 in the report; a plan to reduce unfilled service hours.