

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 348**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Theodore C. Speliotis*

*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 regarding residential habilitation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and</i>

	<i>Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 348) of Theodore C. Speliotis and others that the Division of Medical Assistance be directed to provide coverage for residential habilitation services for individuals age sixty or older. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 534 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act regarding residential habilitation.

*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. Chapter 118 E is hereby amended by adding after section 10F, the  
2 following new section:--

3           Section 10H. The division shall provide coverage for residential habilitation services for  
4 individuals age sixty or older, if such individual has been determined by the division to be  
5 clinically eligible for long term care services, and requires said residential habilitation services in  
6 order to remain living in the least restrictive setting appropriate to meet his needs in accordance  
7 with section 6 of this chapter.

8           The term ‘residential habilitation’ shall mean ongoing services and supports provided to  
9 beneficiaries in a residential setting that are designed to assist beneficiaries in acquiring,

10 maintaining, or improving the skills necessary to live in a community setting. Residential  
11 habilitation provides beneficiaries with daily staff intervention including care, supervision, and  
12 assistance in activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, and community  
13 integration in a residential setting qualified by the division with 24-hour staffing . Residential  
14 habilitation may include the provision of medical and health-care services that are integral to  
15 meeting the daily needs of beneficiaries.