

HOUSE No. 535

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

RoseLee Vincent

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 assisted living residences.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

RoseLee Vincent

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

16th Suffolk

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By Ms. Vincent of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 535) of RoseLee Vincent relative to assisted living residences. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 551 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

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,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the following:-

3 The department shall provide through its certification unit annual training for assisted
4 living 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
12 adding the following sentence:-

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

17 SECTION 3. Section 15 of said chapter 19D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
18 striking out 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
20 the topic of dementia and cognitive impairments for all assisted living employees. Assisted
21 living residences shall have 60 days from the start of employment to satisfy the general
22 orientation training for each employee. There shall be a required 4 hours per year of ongoing
23 education and training on the specialized needs of residents with Alzheimer's disease and related
24 dementia for all assisted living employees.

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

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