

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 651**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas M. Stanley*

*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 promoting innovation in elder care services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>

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By Representative Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 651) of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to promoting innovation in elder care nursing facilities and services. Elder Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to promoting innovation in elder care services.

*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 special or general law to the contrary, the executive  
2 office of health and human services shall, subject to appropriation, establish a no-interest,  
3 forgivable loan program for the purposes of (i) funding the development of nursing facility  
4 specialized care units, (ii) enabling facilities to offset the costs of pay-go capital improvements  
5 and (iii) funding innovative projects designed to reduce nursing facility bed capacity in order to  
6 meet the needs and preferences of older adults.

7           Funding to support nursing facility specialized care units shall include, but not be limited  
8 to: (a) infectious disease isolation; (b) dementia special care; (c) degenerative neurological units;  
9 (d) geriatric psychiatry; (e) traumatic brain injury; (f) in-house dialysis treatment; and (g)  
10 behavioral health and substance use disorder. Funding to offset the pay-go capital improvements  
11 shall include, but not be limited to: (a) heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems and air  
12 filtration system upgrades to mitigate the spread of airborne illnesses; (b) roof and other

13 infrastructure replacement and repair projects; (c) alternative energy conversion projects; and (d)  
14 elevator renovations to comply with new government requirements. Funding to promote  
15 innovative projects shall include, but not be limited to: (a) conversion of sections within nursing  
16 facilities into affordable housing, veterans housing, or assisted living units to better  
17 accommodate individual needs of residents; (b) converting multi-bed rooms to single occupancy  
18 to enhance privacy and dignity; and (c) establishing voluntary nursing facility reconfigurations,  
19 including financial incentives to reduce capacity and balance supply and demand based on  
20 regional needs.