

SENATE No. 297

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. McGee

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to reserving beds in nursing homes for residents during certain leaves of absence..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Katherine M. Clark</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. McGee, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 297) of Thomas M. McGee, William N. Brownsberger, Martha M. Walz, Paul Brodeur and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to reserving beds in nursing homes for residents during certain leaves of absence. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to reserving beds in nursing homes for residents during certain leaves of absence..

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 14A of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following paragraphs: In the event that a nursing facility resident who is a MassHealth recipient
3 enters a hospital, the division shall pay to preserve his or her bed in the nursing facility for a
4 period of up to and including 10 calendar days per year. The division shall reimburse the nursing
5 facility for the medical leave of absence, which shall include an observation stay in a hospital in
6 excess of twenty-four hours, at the recipients pre-absence rate during the medical leave and upon
7 the residents return. In the event that a nursing facility resident who is a MassHealth recipient
8 leaves the nursing facility for non-medical reasons, the division shall pay to preserve his or her
9 bed in the facility for a period of up to and including 15 calendar days per year. The division
10 shall reimburse the nursing facility for the non-medical leave of absence at the recipients pre-
11 absence rate during the non-medical leave and upon the residents return.