

**SENATE . . . . . No. 395**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael O. Moore***

*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 rest home rate adjustments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 395) of Michael O. Moore, Mathew J. Muratore, Patrick M. O'Connor and Anne M. Gobi for legislation directing the secretary of health and human services to promulgate regulations that provide for rate adjustments and reimbursements for residential care homes or rest homes. Elder Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to rest home rate adjustments.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 79 the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 80. (a) The secretary of health and human services shall promulgate regulations  
4 that provide for rate adjustment and reimbursement within 90 days for any residential care home  
5 or rest home that hires licensed nursing staff to address increased clinical needs of their residents.

6 (b) The secretary of health and human services shall promulgate regulations that provide  
7 for rate adjustment and reimbursement within 90 days of implementing plans of correction for  
8 any residential care home or rest home subject to mandated improvements per department of  
9 public health certification and licensure surveys.