

SENATE No. 407

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patricia D. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 407) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to establish regulations at rest homes. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 362 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to rest homes.

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 72 of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting the following new sections:-

3 Section 1. The department shall establish regulations for rest homes that are separate and
4 distinct from those regulations governing nursing homes. Such regulations should ensure
5 requirements that are consistent with current care practices and reflect the unique needs of the
6 population that reside in rest homes in contrast to those that reside in nursing homes. Such
7 regulations for rest homes shall allow for locks on the doors of resident rooms in order to ensure
8 resident privacy.

9 Section 2. In developing proposed regulations for rest homes, the Department shall
10 consult with Leading Age Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Association of Residential Care
11 Homes (MARCH).