

SENATE No. 791

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 infection control in nursing facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>

SENATE No. 791

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 791) of Michael O. Moore, Vanna Howard, Rodney M. Elliott, Mathew J. Muratore and other members of the General Court for legislation to control infection in nursing facilities. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 807 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to infection control in nursing facilities.

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. The department of public health shall use Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP)
2 monies as authorized under 42 USC 488.433 federal law, to establish an Infection Preventionist
3 training grant program for certified nursing facilities. Per §483.80(b)(4) under the State
4 Operations Manual Appendix PP - Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities,
5 Infection Preventionist must have completed specialized training in infection prevention and
6 control. The grant should be sufficient to cover costs associated with nationally recognized,
7 clinically robust training and education for Infection Preventionists.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
9 section 79 the following 2 sections:-

10 Section 80: In setting reimbursement rates for nursing homes, the executive office of
11 health and human services shall reimburse facilities for compensation to employ a full-time
12 Infection Preventionist.

13 Section 81. The executive office of health and human services shall provide supplemental
14 payments to licensed nursing facilities that consistent with guidelines established by the
15 executive office of health and human services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and
16 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services establish isolation and quarantine rooms in order to
17 prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Daily payment for isolation rooms shall be no less than
18 the facility's average Medicaid daily rate for every isolation and quarantine room.