

HOUSE No. 2147

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to Promote the Development Of Small house Nursing Homes In Massachusetts..

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. For the purposes of this act, “small house nursing home” means a nursing
2 home licensed under Section 72 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, that 1) consists of one or
3 more units designed and modeled as a private home which house no more than ten individuals in
4 each unit, 2) includes only private rooms and bathrooms, 3) establishes a self-directed model of
5 care for residents that incorporates collaborative decision making by residents and staff, 4)
6 provide for a universal worker approach to resident care that is organized to support and
7 empower all staff to respond to the needs and desires of residents; and 6) provides for consistent
8 staff assignments.

9 The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy shall promulgate regulations to establish
10 a special add-on to rates of reimbursement for nursing facilities that develop and operate small
11 house nursing homes. The add-on will be established to reflect the additional capital costs
12 required in the construction of a small house nursing home.

13 In developing the small house add-on, The Division shall consult with the following
14 organizations and individuals in developing the methodology for determining the small house
15 add-on and in determining the requirements for facilities to receive the add-on:

16 Director of the Division of Health Care Quality at the Department of Public Health or a
17 designee,

18 Secretary of Elder Affairs, or a designee

19 At least one architect that has been involved with the development of a small house
20 nursing home

21 At least one small house nursing home provider/operator

22 At least two representatives from the Massachusetts Culture Change Coalition including
23 a representative from MassAging