

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4637**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Ten**  
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An Act PROTECT NURSING HOME RESIDENTS..

*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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 72Z the following section:-

3 Section 72AA. Long-term care facilities shall distribute to each new resident, a  
4 resident’s family member or health care proxy, at the time of admission, an informational  
5 document written by the Department of Public Health in layperson’s language about the laws and  
6 regulations that govern nursing homes, rest homes and long-term care facilities. Information in  
7 the document shall include, but not be limited to, the location of all relevant state and federal  
8 laws and regulations relating to long-term care facilities. The nursing home shall be required to  
9 maintain a record with the signature as acknowledgment of receipt by the resident, family  
10 member or health care proxy.

11 For the purposes of this section, “long-term care facilities” shall mean nursing homes or  
12 skilled nursing or rehabilitation facilities.