

HOUSE No. 555

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Theodore C. Speliotis

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 regarding residential habilitation.

PETITION OF:

Table with 3 columns: NAME, DISTRICT/ADDRESS, DATE ADDED. Lists names like Theodore C. Speliotis, Benjamin Swan, Christopher G. Fallon, etc.

<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	
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<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	
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By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 555) of Theodore C. Speliotis and others that the Division of Medical Assistance provide coverage for residential habilitation services for individuals age sixty or older. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1101 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act regarding residential habilitation.

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 118 E is hereby amended by adding after section 10F, the
2 following new section:--

3 Section 10G. The division shall provide coverage for residential habilitation services for
4 individuals age sixty or older, if such individual has been determined by the division to be
5 clinically eligible for long term care services, and requires said residential habilitation services in
6 order to remain living in the least restrictive setting appropriate to meet his needs in accordance
7 with section 6 of this chapter.

8 The term ‘residential habilitation’ shall mean ongoing services and supports provided to
9 beneficiaries in a residential setting that are designed to assist beneficiaries in acquiring,
10 maintaining, or improving the skills necessary to live in a community setting. Residential
11 habilitation provides beneficiaries with daily staff intervention including care, supervision, and
12 assistance in activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, and community
13 integration in a residential setting qualified by the division with 24-hour staffing . Residential
14 habilitation may include the provision of medical and health-care services that are integral to
15 meeting the daily needs of beneficiaries.