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HOUSE . . . . . No. 527

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ronald Mariano

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 promoting innovation in eldercare services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ronald Mariano	*3rd Norfolk*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 527) of Ronald Mariano and Paul McMurtry relative to promoting innovation in elder care services. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *548* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to promoting innovation in eldercare services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The executive office of health and human services shall investigate and establish a zero interest loan trust fund for the purpose of establishing a program to convert entire or parts of licensed nursing facilities to community-based residences. The community-based residences shall provide alternative services for underserved elderly and disabled persons and shall include, but not be limited to, affordable independent housing, assisted living residences, group homes for the developmentally disabled, and outpatient medical and dental services programs. The office shall establish the criteria for nursing facilities to be eligible for conversions, the physical plant re-adaptation of nursing facilities, and the eligible enrollees in the conversion program.

10 SECTION 2: There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth the
11 Massachusetts Nursing Home Conversion Loan Fund, hereinafter referred to as the fund, the
12 proceeds of which shall be used to provide zero-interest loans to convert entire or parts of
13 licensed nursing facilities to community-based residences. There shall be credited to the fund
14 any appropriations or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically designated to
15 be credited to the fund; proceeds of any bonds or notes of the commonwealth issued for the
16 purpose; any federal grants or loans; any private gifts, grants or donations made available; and
17 any income derived from the investment of amounts credited to the fund. The secretary of the
18 executive office of health and human services shall pursue and maximize all opportunities to
19 qualify for federal financial participation.

20 SECTION 3. An advisory committee shall oversee the development of the program.
21 Said committee shall be composed of the following members, or their designee: the secretary
22 health and human services, the secretary of elder affairs, the director of the office of Medicaid,
23 the commissioner of public health, the chairs of the joint committee on health care financing, the
24 chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means, a representative from the
25 Massachusetts Senior Care Association, a representative from Leading Age and two consumer
26 representatives.