

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 534****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:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>1/14/2015</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/21/2015</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/22/2015</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	

<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	

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By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 534) of Theodore C. Speliotis and others that the Division of Medical Assistance be directed to provide coverage for residential habilitation services for individuals age sixty or older. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 555 OF 2013-2014.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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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 10H. 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.