HOUSE No. 996

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Hogan

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 reserving beds in nursing homes for residents during certain leaves of absence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex	1/13/2015
Mark J. Cusack	5th Norfolk	9/9/2019
John V. Fernandes	10th Worcester	9/9/2019
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable	1/23/2015
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	9/9/2019
Jennifer E. Benson	37th Middlesex	9/9/2019
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire	9/9/2019
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex	9/9/2019
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire	9/9/2019
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk	9/9/2019
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	9/9/2019
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth	9/9/2019
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk	9/9/2019
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk	9/9/2019
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	9/9/2019
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester	9/9/2019
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk	9/9/2019
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	9/9/2019

Sonia Chang-Diaz	Second Suffolk	9/9/2019
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	9/9/2019
Claire D. Cronin	11th Plymouth	9/9/2019
Mathew Muratore	1st Plymouth	9/9/2019
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex	9/9/2019
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol	9/9/2019
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	9/9/2019
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	9/9/2019
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	9/9/2019

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By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 996) of Kate Hogan and others relative to the payment and preservation of beds in nursing home facilities for recipients of MassHealth benefits. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 1029 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act relative to reserving beds in nursing homes for residents during certain leaves of absence.

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

- Section 14A of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs:
- In the event that a nursing facility resident who is a MassHealth recipient enters a
- 4 hospital, the division shall pay to preserve his or her bed in the nursing facility for a period of up
- 5 to and including 10 calendar days per medical event. The division shall reimburse the nursing
- 6 facility for the medical leave of absence, which shall include an observation stay in a hospital in
- 7 excess of twenty-four hours, at the recipients pre-absence rate during the medical leave and upon
- 8 the residents return. In the event that a nursing facility resident who is a MassHealth recipient
- 9 leaves the nursing facility for non-medical reasons, the division shall pay to preserve his or her
- bed in the facility for a period of up to and including 15 days per year. The division shall

- reimburse the nursing facility for the non-medical leave of absence at the recipients pre-absence
- rate during the non-medical leave and upon the residents return.