

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

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

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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:

1 Section 14A of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following paragraphs:

3 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
10 bed in the facility for a period of up to and including 15 days per year. The division shall

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