

SENATE No. 347

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 rest homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 347) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Kate Hogan, Kenneth I. Gordon, Jennifer L. Flanagan and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish regulations at rest homes. Elder Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to rest homes.

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. Section 72 of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 the following:-

3 The department shall establish regulations for rest homes that are separate and distinct
4 from those regulations governing nursing homes. Such regulations should ensure requirements
5 that are consistent with current care practices and reflect the unique needs of the population that
6 reside in rest homes in contrast to those that reside in nursing homes. Such regulations for rest
7 homes shall allow for locks on the doors of resident rooms in order to ensure resident privacy.

8 Section 2. In developing proposed regulations for rest homes, the Department shall
9 consult with LeadingAge Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Association of Residential Care
10 Homes (MARCH).