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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 361) of Richard J. Ross for legislation to conduct background checks on residents of nursing and assisted living facilities. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *366* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 72E the following section:-

Section 72E1/2. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, nursing home and assisted living facility administrators shall conduct background checks of all potential residents to promote a safe living environment and for the protection of all current residents.