

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1975**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Moran***

*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 the continuous skilled nursing program in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael J. Moran</i>	<i>18th Suffolk</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1975) of Michael J. Moran and others relative to the continuous skilled nursing program. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the continuous skilled nursing program in the commonwealth.

*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. MassHealth, through its home health care agency program, in accordance with  
2   130 CMR 403, shall perform a biennial programmatic review of the Commonwealth’s  
3   continuous skilled nursing (CSN) program, serving medically complex children and adults. Said  
4   review shall be submitted as a report to the House and Senate Committees on Ways & Means  
5   and to the no later than December 31, of odd numbered years. Said report shall include: (a.) the  
6   total number of children and adults enrolled in the program, (b.) the total number of authorized  
7   hours for services in the program, (c.) the total number of hours serviced in the program, (d.) the  
8   total number of enrolled patients in the program whom were admitted at least one time in the last  
9   year to a hospital, and (e.) an analysis of the percentage change in average hourly earnings for all  
10   RNs and LPNs in the commonwealth over the two year period, provided further; that if the  
11   percentage of unfilled service hours exceeds twenty percent, the Office of Medicaid shall include  
12   in the report; a plan to reduce unfilled service hours.