

SENATE No. 362

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>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 362) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Steven Ultrino, Denise Provost and James B. Eldridge for legislation to establish regulations at rest homes. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 347 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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 Leading Age Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Association of Residential Care
10 Homes (MARCH).