

**SENATE . . . . . No. 372**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

*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 during certain leaves of absence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/15/2019</i>

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 372) of Mark C. Montigny, Sean Garballey, Michael F. Rush, Tram T. Nguyen and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to reserving beds in nursing homes during certain leaves of absence. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 354 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

—————  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to reserving beds in nursing homes 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 1. Section 14A of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the 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 20 days per medical event. The division shall reimburse the nursing facility for  
6 the medical leave of absence, which shall include an observation stay in a hospital in excess of  
7 24 hours.

8           In the event a MassHealth member is residing in a nursing facility and requests a  
9 nonmedical leave of absence, the division shall pay to preserve his or her bed in the facility for a

- 10 period of up to and including 10 calendar days per year. The division shall reimburse the nursing
- 11 facility for the nonmedical leave of absence.