

**SENATE . . . . . No. 369**

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**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 to establish safe staffing levels at skilled nursing facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 369) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to establish safe staffing levels at skilled nursing facilities. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 356 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to establish safe staffing levels at skilled nursing facilities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           The Department of Public Health shall establish minimum staffing requirements at  
2 skilled nursing care facilities and for all level I, II and III long-term care facilities as defined in  
3 105 CMR 150.001. Working with 1199SEIU and other appropriate stakeholders, the department  
4 shall develop amendments to the existing nursing services regulations contained in 105 CMR  
5 150.007 that ensure these facilities employ an adequate number of nurses, certified nurse  
6 assistants, and other staff to both meet all resident needs and ensure that sufficient nursing staff  
7 with the appropriate competencies is working at any given time to assure resident safety and  
8 attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each  
9 resident, as determined by resident assessments and individual plans of care. Said amended  
10 regulations shall include specific standards and direct-care staff-to-resident ratios to ensure  
11 consistent delivery of quality care in a safe and sanitary facility.

12           The department shall issue public recommendations on these issues no later than six  
13 months following final passage of this Act.