HOUSE No. 2216

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 certification of resident care assistants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex	2/11/2021
Vanna Howard	17th Middlesex	2/16/2021
Mathew J. Muratore	1st Plymouth	3/5/2021
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	3/5/2021
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	3/12/2021
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	3/22/2021
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	3/24/2021
Walter F. Timilty	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth	3/29/2021

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2216) of James Arciero and others relative to the certification of nurses aides and resident care assistants. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act relative to certification of resident care assistants.

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

- 1 Chapter 111 of the Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2018 official edition
- 2 is hereby amended by inserting the following new section after Section 71C:
- 3 Section 71D: Nurse Aide Training
- 4 Nurses aides or Resident Care Assistants that were hired during the public health
- 5 emergency established on March 11, 2020 shall forego the requirement of completing the state
- 6 approved Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training program if they have met one of the following
- 7 criteria:
- 8 (1) The nurse aide or Resident Care Assistant successfully completed an online
- 9 asynchronous CNA training program and competency assessment; or
- 10 (2) The nurse aide or Resident Care Assistant completed a minimum of 80 hours of
- 11 nurse aide or supervised practical nurse aide training, on-the-job training or regular in-service

- 12 nurse aide education during the COVID-19 public health emergency under the supervision of a
- licensed or registered nurse.
- The nurse aides shall be required to successfully pass the state CNA certification exam to
- be deemed a certified nurse aide.