HOUSE No. 728

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine P. Barber

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 protecting the rights of assisted living residents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	1/28/2021
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	3/16/2021
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	3/22/2021
John Barrett, III	1st Berkshire	3/25/2021
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	4/1/2021
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	4/8/2021
Patrick M. O'Connor	Plymouth and Norfolk	4/29/2021
Tami L. Gouveia	14th Middlesex	7/21/2021
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester	9/8/2021

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By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 728) of Christine P. Barber and others relative to protecting the rights of assisted living residents. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 599 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act protecting the rights of assisted living residents.

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

- SECTION 1: Section 14 of chapter 19D of the general laws is hereby amended by
- adding after the words, "sponsor's covenant to comply with applicable federal and state laws",
- 3 the following:-
- 4 "including chapters 186 and 239 of the general laws"
- 5 SECTION 2: Section 14 of chapter 19D is hereby further amended by inserting at the
- 6 end thereof the following:-
- 7 "The Attorney General shall promulgate regulations pursuant to section 2(c) of chapter
- 8 93A of the general laws to protect the consumer rights of residents of assisted living residences,
- 9 including all assisted living residences operated by facilities providing continuing care as defined
- by section 76 of chapter 93, against unfair deceptive acts or practices and to provide that the

- violation of such regulations as well as the regulations pursuant to chapter 19 shall be considered a violation of said chapter 93A of the general laws."
- SECTION 3: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the attorney general shall promulgate regulations pursuant to Section 2 of this act, no later than one year following the passage of this act.