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SENATE . . . . . No. 1428

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 patient safety in nursing homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*	*2/3/2021*
Christopher Hendricks	*11th Bristol*	*2/26/2021*
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*	*3/3/2021*

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1428) of James B. Eldridge, James Arciero, Christopher Hendricks and Mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to patient safety in nursing homes. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *2657* OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to patient safety in nursing homes.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to address critical patient safety needs in nursing homes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

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 72 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in the fourth sentence of the third paragraph, the words, “such intervals as the department shall specify in its rules and regulations” and inserting in place thereof the following:- any time.

SECTION 2. Said section 72 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

The department may require that employees of convalescent and nursing homes, infirmaries maintained in towns, rest homes, charitable homes for the aged and residential and intermediate care facilities for people with a developmental or intellectual disability be tested for certain diseases or have their temperature taken as a condition of reporting for work.