

SENATE No. 807

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 infection control in nursing facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 807) of Michael O. Moore, Mathew J. Muratore, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Michael J. Soter and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to infection control in nursing facilities. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act relative to infection control in 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 SECTION 1. The Department shall use Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) monies as
2 authorized under 42 USC 488.433 federal law, to establish an Infection Preventionist training
3 grant program for certified nursing facilities. Per §483.80(b)(4) under the State Operations
4 Manual Appendix PP - Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities, Infection
5 Preventionist must have completed specialized training in infection prevention and control. The
6 grant should be sufficient to cover costs associated with nationally recognized, clinically robust
7 training and education for Infection Preventionists.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
9 section 78 the following 2 sections:-

10 Section 79: In setting reimbursement rates for nursing homes, the executive office of
11 health and human services shall reimburse facilities for compensation to employ a full-time
12 Infection Preventionist.

13 Section 80. The executive office of health and human services shall provide supplemental
14 payments to licensed nursing facilities that consistent with guidelines established by the
15 executive office of health and human services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and
16 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services establish isolation and quarantine rooms in order to
17 prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Daily payment for isolation rooms shall be no less than
18 the facility's average Medicaid daily rate for every isolation and quarantine room.