

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1233**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James J. O'Day***

*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 resolve:

Resolve to establish a special commission to evaluate the rate structure for rest homes or residential care homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>3/16/2023</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>6/14/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/8/2023</i>

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By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1233) of James J. O'Day and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the rate structure for rest homes or residential care homes. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)

Resolve to establish a special commission to evaluate the rate structure for rest homes or residential care homes.

1           **Resolved**, there is hereby established a special commission to evaluate the rate structure  
2 for rest homes or residential care homes. Said study shall include, but not be limited to, an  
3 examination of the following: (1) a review of the current rate structure and its relation to actual  
4 cost of care (2) an inventory of the current licensed rest home facilities, number of licensed rest  
5 home beds, and the location and service area of said facilities (3) a review of the rest homes  
6 closures since 2015 and identification of any similar causes or trends that led to closure (4) a  
7 review of the recommendations and any actions taken from the nursing facilities task force report  
8 per chapter 41 of the acts of 2019 (5) a review of the licensing, regulatory, and reporting  
9 structure for licensed rest homes (6) a determination of the eligibility and feasibility of rest home  
10 expenses being eligible for federal reimbursement.

11           Said commission shall consist of the two members appointed by the speaker of the house,  
12 one of which will serve as co-chair, two members appointed by the president of the senate, one  
13 of which will serve as co-chair, one member appointed by the minority leader in the house, one

14 member appointed by the minority leader in the senate, the secretary of health and human  
15 services or a designee, the secretary of elder affairs or a designee, the commissioner of  
16 masshealth, the commissioner of the department of mental health, the commissioner of the  
17 department of public health, the commissioner of the department of transitional assistance, a  
18 representative from the Massachusetts association of residential care homes, a representative of  
19 leading age Massachusetts, a representative of Massachusetts senior action, and two persons to  
20 be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall have direct care giver experience, and one of  
21 whom shall have experience in health care administration and finance.

22 Said commission shall file a report on the results of its study, together with  
23 recommendations and any legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect with the  
24 clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, and the house and senate committees on  
25 ways and means, no later than April 1, 2025.