

HOUSE No. 4537

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 29, 2024.

The committee on Elder Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 612) of Brian M. Ashe and others relative to social card games at municipal senior centers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 615) of Ruth B. Balsler and others for legislation to further regulate care in nursing homes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 617) of Christine P. Barber and others relative to protecting the rights of assisted living residents; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 618) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. for legislation to require that non-elderly handicapped and disabled people be mandated to live in separate housing facilities from elderly residents in assisted living facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 621) of Tackey Chan and others relative to mandated reporting of elder abuse; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 622) of Josh S. Cutler, Kathleen R. LaNatra and others for legislation to establish the office of elder advocate; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 623) of Carol A. Doherty and others for legislation to improve quality and safety in nursing homes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 625) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to stabilizing nursing home facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 628) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Aaron L. Saunders relative to certified medical directors at skilled nursing facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 631) of Kevin G. Honan relative to the classification of assisted living residences; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 633) of Sally P. Kerans, Patricia D. Jehlen and Ruth B. Balsler relative to transparency and accountability in nursing homes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 640) of Rita A. Mendes and others that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services be directed to establish a mandatory infection control training program for personal home care attendants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 641) of Michael J. Moran relative to

regulating beds out of service at long term care facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 643) of Brian W. Murray relative to senior care organization quality and accountability; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 646) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to ensure senior care organization quality and accountability; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 647) of Alan Silvia relative to protecting elders from bullying; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 651) of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to promoting innovation in elder care nursing facilities and services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 653) of Steven Ultrino and others relative to rate adjustments and reimbursements for the cost of residential care homes or rest homes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 654) of Thomas P. Walsh relative to floor plans for certain nursing homes; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 655) of Thomas P. Walsh, Rodney M. Elliott and James B. Eldridge relative to the dignity, privacy, and safety of residents in nursing homes and rest homes, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4537) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

THOMAS M. STANLEY.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Elder Affairs be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 612, 615, 617,
3 618, 621, 622, 623, 625, 628, 631, 633, 640, 641, 643, 646, 647, 651, 653, 654 and 655, relative
4 to nursing homes, assisted living, home care and other related matters.

5 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
6 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
7 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
8 on or before December 31, 2024.