

HOUSE No. 651**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley*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 promoting innovation in elder care services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2023</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/22/2023</i>

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By Representative Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 651) of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to promoting innovation in elder care nursing facilities and services. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to promoting innovation in elder care services.

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. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the executive
2 office of health and human services shall, subject to appropriation, establish a no-interest,
3 forgivable loan program for the purposes of (i) funding the development of nursing facility
4 specialized care units, (ii) enabling facilities to offset the costs of pay-go capital improvements
5 and (iii) funding innovative projects designed to reduce nursing facility bed capacity in order to
6 meet the needs and preferences of older adults.

7 Funding to support nursing facility specialized care units shall include, but not be limited
8 to: (a) infectious disease isolation; (b) dementia special care; (c) degenerative neurological units;
9 (d) geriatric psychiatry; (e) traumatic brain injury; (f) in-house dialysis treatment; and (g)
10 behavioral health and substance use disorder. Funding to offset the pay-go capital improvements
11 shall include, but not be limited to: (a) heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems and air
12 filtration system upgrades to mitigate the spread of airborne illnesses; (b) roof and other

13 infrastructure replacement and repair projects; (c) alternative energy conversion projects; and (d)
14 elevator renovations to comply with new government requirements. Funding to promote
15 innovative projects shall include, but not be limited to: (a) conversion of sections within nursing
16 facilities into affordable housing, veterans housing, or assisted living units to better
17 accommodate individual needs of residents; (b) converting multi-bed rooms to single occupancy
18 to enhance privacy and dignity; and (c) establishing voluntary nursing facility reconfigurations,
19 including financial incentives to reduce capacity and balance supply and demand based on
20 regional needs.