

HOUSE No. 1369

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Danielle W. Gregoire

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 to strengthen supportive housing and reduce healthcare costs for low-income seniors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1369) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to supportive housing and healthcare costs for low-income seniors. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act to strengthen supportive housing and reduce healthcare costs for low-income seniors.

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. Section 27 of Chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following:-

3 (a) In the case of a rental housing project that is determined to be a low and moderate
4 income rental housing project for seniors over the age of 55 and consisting of at least 50 units of
5 housing, the commonwealth, acting by and through the executive office of health and human
6 services, shall enter into contracts with sponsors of rental housing projects to fund senior
7 supportive care services for MassHealth enrollees.

8 Each such contract shall provide for a fixed payment of \$2500 annually for each
9 MassHealth enrollee who resides in the designated rental housing project. Prior to entering into
10 any such contract, the executive office shall find: (1) that MassHealth enrollees constitute the
11 majority of residents in the rental housing project; (2) that the total amount of any fixed
12 payments to be provided appears to be the minimum amount necessary to fund senior supportive

13 care services, and (3) that the rental housing project has entered into cluster contracting with
14 homecare agencies.

15 The executive office shall publish a report annually on: (1) the total number of Medicaid
16 recipients living in such designated rental housing projects; and (2) cost savings to Medicaid
17 realized by cluster contracting for senior supportive care services in such designated rental
18 housing projects. The report shall be submitted to the general court, by filing it with the joint
19 committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means.