

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1388**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John J. Marsi*

*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 extend nursing home resident overnights with their family from 10 to 14.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2025</i>
<i>John R. Gaskey</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>4/3/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>11/19/2025</i>

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By Representative Marsi of Dudley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1388) of John J. Marsi that the maximum temporary absence for nonmedical leave paid for by MassHealth be increased from ten days to fourteen days. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act extend nursing home resident overnights with their family from 10 to 14.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1           The division of medical assistance, under authority granted in section 12 of chapter 118E
- 2 of Massachusetts general laws, shall amend the Massachusetts long term care regulations (130
- 3 CMR 456.431). Such amendment shall increase the maximum temporary absence for
- 4 nonmedical leave paid for by MassHealth, from ten days to fourteen days.