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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sally P. Kerans

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 transparent name changes in nursing facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Sally P. Kerans	*13th Essex*	*1/14/2025*

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By Representative Kerans of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 773) of Sally P. Kerans relative to transparent name changes in nursing facilities. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to transparent name changes in nursing facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other general or special law or regulation, whenever there is a change of name of any skilled nursing facility or assisted living residence, regardless of any related ownership change, the safety record of the facility under its previous name shall be transferred and credited to the facility under its new name. The department shall list the new and previous name of said facility, including any safety or disciplinary record, on the official website of said department and shall direct the facility to post the same information on the facility web site and any other social media platform managed by said facility in order to promote transparency and public information.

SECTION 2. Any skilled nursing facility or assisted living residence that fails to meet the requirements of section 12 of this act relative to notification of change of name, or fails to meet the requirements for change of ownership pursuant to the provisions of chapter 197 of the acts of 2024 or department regulations shall be subject to such penalties as the department may direct through promulgation of enforcement regulations.