

SENATE No. 494

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 nursing home policies regarding notice of vacancy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John C. Velis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden and Hampshire

SENATE No. 494

By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 494) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to nursing home policies regarding notice of vacancy. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to nursing home policies regarding notice of vacancy.

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 9 of Chapter 19D of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after subsection (b) the following subsection:-

3 (c) An assisted living residence shall not enforce a 30-day notice of vacancy policy in the
4 event of the resident's death. The assisted living residence shall be entitled to rent and fees for
5 not more than 10 days from the date of the resident's death. If there is personal property to
6 remove that impedes the reuse of the room, the 10-day period shall not begin until after the
7 family, estate, or responsible party has removed the deceased person's personal property. If the
8 room is occupied by a new resident before the expiration of the 10-day period, rent and fees for
9 the 10-day period shall be prorated from the date of such occupancy and returned to the family,
10 estate, or other responsible party.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.