

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Julian Cyr

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 career pathways in long term care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Julian Cyr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Cape and Islands

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

An Act relative to nursing career pathways in long term care.

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

1 Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, Section 179 of Chapter 77 of the
2 Acts of 2023 is amended by adding after “provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be
3 expended for the establishment of a career pathway program to support certified nurses’ aides,
4 home health aides, homemakers and other entry-level workers in long-term care facilities to
5 become licensed practical nurses” the following: -

6 “or registered nurses, or for licensed practical nurses in long term care facilities to
7 become registered nurses; provided further that students from the commonwealth who: (i) are
8 enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education at a public community college in the
9 commonwealth or (ii) a Practical Nursing Program at a Career/Vocational Technical Education
10 School shall be eligible for this career pathway financial assistance.”