
By Mr. Gott of Arlington, petition of Edward C. Monahan for legislation relative to the local licensing of nursing and convalescent homes. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LOCAL LICENSING OF NURSING AND CONVALESCENT HOMES.

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. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 22, as appear-
3 ing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following: —

5 “Lodging house”, as used in sections twenty-two to
6 thirty-one, inclusive, shall mean a house where lodg-
7 ings are let to five or more persons not within the
8 second degree of kindred to the person conducting it,
9 and shall include nursing or convalescent homes, but
10 shall not include dormitories of charitable, educational
11 or philanthropic institutions.

1 SECTION 2. Section 71 of chapter 111 of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out the sixth
3 sentence, as appearing in lines 39 to 46, inclusive, of
4 section 9 of chapter 602 of the acts of 1952, and in-
5 serting in place thereof the following: — Nothing in
6 this section or in sections seventy-two, seventy-two A
7 or seventy-three, shall be construed to revoke, super-
8 sede or otherwise affect any laws, ordinances, by-
9 laws, rules or regulations relating to building, zoning,
10 registration or maintenance of hospitals, sanatoria,

11 convalescent or nursing homes, infirmaries main-
12 tained in towns, lodging houses as defined by section
13 twenty-two of chapter one hundred and forty, or
14 boarding homes for the aged.