

By Mr. Constantino of Clinton, petition of William Constantino, Jr., for legislation to equalize rest home residents rights with those of nursing home residents. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT TO EQUALIZE REST HOME RESIDENTS RIGHTS WITH THOSE OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.

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 117 of the General Laws is hereby
2 further amended by inserting after section 6 the following: —

3 Section 6A. The department may provide to any recipient
4 under this chapter who resides in a rest home which has a rate
5 established pursuant to section thirty-two of chapter six-A, a spe-
6 cial grant whenever the aid provided under this chapter is insuf-
7 ficient to meet said rate established for such rest home. The depart-
8 ment may pay such grant either to the recipient or to the rest home.

9 Persons receiving assistance under this chapter, and who are
10 residents of a rest home receiving a rate established pursuant to
11 section thirty-two of chapter six-A, may be temporarily absent
12 from such rest home for a period of up to ten days; during such
13 absence, the rest home will be reimbursed for the days of the resi-
14 dent's absence in accordance with the aforesaid rate.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 118A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking section 7A and inserting in place thereof the
3 following: —

4 Section 7A. The department may provide to any recipient
5 under this chapter who resides in a rest home which has a rate
6 established pursuant to section thirty-two of chapter six-A, a spe-

7 cial grant whenever the aid provided under this chapter is insuf-
8 ficient to meet said rate established for such rest home. The depart-
9 ment may pay such grant either to the recipient or to the rest home.
10 Such recipients may be temporarily absent from said facility,
11 for a period of up to ten days, during which period the rest home
12 will be reimbursed for the days of the resident's absence, at the
13 aforesaid rate.