

By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 410) of Mark C. Montigny and Kay Khan for legislation to require adequate discharge planning for nursing home residents. Elder Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.  
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**AN ACT REQUIRING ADEQUATE DISCHARGE PLANNING FOR 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. Section 48 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002
- 2 Official edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new
- 3 paragraph:—
- 4 When a hearing is requested by a resident of a nursing facility who is being discharged or
- 5 transferred from a nursing facility, a referee must make findings as to whether the nursing
- 6 facility as provided sufficient preparation and orientation to the resident to ensure safe and
- 7 orderly transfer or discharge from the facility to another safe and appropriate setting.
- 8 SECTION 2. The division of medical assistance shall promulgate regulations consistent with
- 9 this act.

