

HOUSE No. 4261

By Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, petition of Viriato Manuel deMacedo for legislation to ensure that residents of nursing homes be assured of beds after non-medical leaves of absences. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT REFORMING NURSING HOMES' NON-MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICIES.

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 701 of chapter 26 of the Acts of 2003 be amended by
2 adding at the end thereof the following: "All participating nursing
3 homes shall also, for the purposes of a non-medical leave of
4 absence for Medicaid eligible residents, ensure that the bed in said
5 facility occupied by said resident shall be available upon the
6 return of said resident, provided he or she is not absent for more
7 than five days in the aggregate during a given calendar year."

