

By Mr. Magnani of Framingham, petition of David P. Magnani, Paul Kollios and Christopher J. Hodgkins 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, as most recent-
2 ly amended by chapter 633 of the acts of 1983, is hereby fur-
3 ther amended by inserting after section 6 the following: —

4 *Section 6A.* 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
7 special grant whenever the aid provided under this chapter
8 is insufficient to meet said rate established for such rest home.
9 The department may pay such grant either to the recipient
10 or to the rest home.

11 Persons receiving assistance under this chapter, and who
12 are residents of a rest home receiving a rate established pur-
13 suant to section thirty-two of chapter six-A, may be temporari-
14 ly absent from such rest home for a period of up to ten (10)
15 days; during such absence, the rest home will be reimbursed
16 for the days of the resident's absence in accordance with the
17 aforesaid rate.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 118A of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 633 of the acts of 1983, is hereby
3 further amended by striking section 7A and inserting in place
4 thereof the following: —

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

8 special grant whenever the aid provided under this chapter
9 is insufficient to meet said rate established for such rest home.
10 The department may pay such grant either to the recipient
11 or to the rest home.

12 Such recipients may be temporarily absent from said facili-
13 ty, for a period of up to ten (10) days, during which period the
14 rest home will be reimbursed for the days of the resident's absence,
15 at the aforesaid rate.