

SENATE NO. 399

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES

*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 71 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, at the
2 end, the following paragraph:-

3 The licensee of a convalescent or nursing home may designate certain rooms in the facility as
4 infectious disease isolation rooms. Such designation may be made from time-to-time by a written
5 notice to the Department. No architectural or other requirements may be imposed upon a convalescent
6 or nursing home that designates one or more infectious disease isolation rooms. If the licensee has no
7 other available infectious disease isolation rooms, the licensee may relocate any person residing in a
8 designated infectious disease isolation room to another accommodation in the same certified facility if
9 the licensee seeks to admit another person to the infectious disease isolation room because such other
10 person requires isolation from other residents of the facility. Such relocation may be made by the
11 licensee immediately upon written certification of a physician or registered nurse that such other
12 person requires isolation from other residents of the facility. Any such relocation will not be a transfer
13 of the relocated resident for any purposes, and the relocated resident will have no appeal from such

14 relocation. The licensee must notify any person admitted to a designated infectious disease isolation
15 room that they are being admitted to an infectious disease isolation room, and that they may be
16 relocated to another accommodation in the facility should the licensee seek to admit another person to
17 the infectious disease isolation room who requires isolation from other residents of the facility.

18 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon passage

