

# SENATE NO. 410

## **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.