



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

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
2 the end, the following paragraph:-

3 The licensee of a convalescent or nursing home may designate certain rooms in the
4 facility as infectious disease isolation rooms. Such designation may be made from time-to-time
5 by a written notice to the Department. No architectural or other requirements may be imposed
6 upon a convalescent or nursing home that designates one or more infectious disease isolation
7 rooms. If the licensee has no other available infectious disease isolation rooms, the licensee may
8 relocate to his or her original room any person residing in a designated infectious disease
9 isolation room if the licensee seeks to admit another person to the infectious disease isolation
10 room because such other person requires isolation from other residents of the facility. Such
11 relocation may be made by the licensee immediately upon written certification of a physician or
12 registered nurse that such other person requires isolation from other residents of the facility.

13 Any such relocation will not be a transfer of the relocated resident for any purposes, and the
14 relocated resident will have no appeal from such relocation. The licensee must notify any person
15 admitted to a designated infectious disease isolation room that they are being admitted to an
16 infectious disease isolation room, and that they may be relocated to their original room in the
17 facility should the licensee seek to admit another person to the infectious disease isolation room
18 who requires isolation from other residents of the facility.

19 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon passage.