

Rest Home Task Force



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**January 10, 2025
10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Virtual / Zoom



Agenda



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- 2. Oath of Office**
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Oath of Office



I, *(STATE YOUR NAME)*, do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof – So help me God.

I, *(STATE YOUR NAME)*, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a member of the Rest Home Task Force, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably, to the rules and regulations of the Constitution, and the laws of this Commonwealth – So help me God.

I, *(STATE YOUR NAME)*, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States.



Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Overview



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David Giannotti

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Task Force Members



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Task Force's Charge



Legal Authority: Section 27 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024

Link: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2024/>

Summary: The Executive Office of Health and Human services shall establish a Task Force to evaluate the governance and regulatory structure of rest homes in the Commonwealth.

Specifically, the Task Force shall examine the following:

- (i) the licensing, regulatory and reporting structure for rest homes;
- (ii) an inventory of licensed rest homes and licensed rest home beds;
- (iii) the location and service areas of existing rest homes;
- (iv) a review of rest home closures since 2015;
- (v) a review of the recommendations implemented from the nursing facility task force report;
- (vi) the feasibility of receiving federal reimbursement for rest home expenses; and
- (vii) a review of the current rate structure for rest homes compared to the actual cost of care to residents.

The task force shall submit a report of its findings, including any recommendations or proposed legislation necessary to carry out its recommendations, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and to the house and senate committees on ways and means, not later than April 1, 2025.



Rest Home Licensing, Reporting Structure, and Existing Data



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Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps



Date	Time	Location
Friday, January 10	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Virtual / Zoom
Friday, January 24	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Virtual / Zoom
Friday, February 7	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Virtual / Zoom
Friday, February 28	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Virtual / Zoom
Friday, March 14	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Virtual / Zoom
Tuesday, April 1 – <i>Submission of Report to the Governor and Legislature</i>		

Webpage

Meeting notifications and copies of meeting materials, such as approved minutes, will be posted on the Task Force's Mass.gov webpage:

<https://www.mass.gov/rest-home-task-force>