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MLCRA is supporting two bills before the Massachusetts legislature:

S. 417/ H.746 – An Act relative to disclosing continuing care retirement community entrance fees. Residents pay a significant entrance fee when they enter a CCRC. A portion of the entrance fee is refunded when the resident moves out or dies. Some residents and family members do not understand how this process works in their community. This bill would require CCRCs to give prospective residents a separate document that clearly states the amount of the entrance fee to be refunded under their contract. The document would also describe the terms and conditions by which the refund is made in their community. The Senate and House versions of the bill are the same:

Senate: https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S417

House: https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H746

S.409/H.753 – An Act authorizing common sense health services in assisted living. Massachusetts law does not currently permit Assisted Living facilities to provide medical services. This bill would allow Assisted Living facilities to offer some basic health services: injections, application or replacement of simple non-sterile dressings, management of oxygen, and application of ointments or drops. Before offering any of these services, the facility would have to submit an operating plan to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs for its approval. The Senate and House version of the bill are the same:

Senate: https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S409

House: https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H753