

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 00186**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Tom Sannicandro*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish self determination for elder care.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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*Tom Sannicandro*

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*7th Middlesex*

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*Gale D. Candaras*

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*First Hampden and Hampshire*

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By Mr. Tom Sannicandro of Ashland, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00186) of Gale Candaras and Tom Sannicandro for legislation to develop recommendations for the implementation of a self-determination model within the Department of Elder Affairs.. Joint Committee on Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 546 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to establish self determination for elder care.

*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. Chapter 19A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 25 the following section:

3 Section 25A:--

4 (A) The department shall develop recommendations for the implementation of a self-  
5 determination model of funding services and supports that provides the ability for an individual  
6 receiving services and supports to personally control, with appropriate assistance, a targeted  
7 amount of dollars; the model shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 8 1. The ability to establish an individual rate or budget for each person;
  - 9 2. Mechanisms to ensure that each participant has the support and assistance necessary to design  
10 and implement a package of services and supports unique to the individual;
  - 11 3. The ability to arrange services, supports, and resources unique to each person based upon the  
12 preferences of the recipient; and
  - 13 4. The design of a system of accountability for the use of public funds.
- 14 (B) The commissioner shall appoint an ad-hoc committee composed of commission members  
15 and other interested parties to develop the recommendations required by this paragraph; and
- 16 (C) Advise the Governor and the General Court on whether the recommendations should be  
17 implemented by administrative regulations or proposed legislation