

**SENATE . . . . . No. 310**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Harriette L. Chandler**

*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 relative to adult day transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Harriette L. Chandler

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S02571 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO ADULT DAY TRANSPORTATION.

*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.** There is hereby established a task force to examine issues related to  
2 transportation of participants in Adult Day Health programs. The task force shall include the  
3 secretary of the executive office of health and human services or her designee the secretary of  
4 elder affairs or his designee an appointee of the secretary of elder affairs from within state  
5 government and 3 providers of adult day health services appointed by the Governor from a list  
6 provided by the Massachusetts Adult Day Services Association at least one of which shall  
7 operate an in-house transportation system. The task force shall examine such issues as routing  
8 scheduling vendor selection and contracting staffing supervision reimbursement quality control  
9 and compliance with state and federal regulations. It shall make a report of its findings along  
10 with any recommendations for administrative regulatory or statutory changes necessary to carry  
11 out its recommendations.

12       Until such time as the task force established herein reports its findings and recommendations to  
13 the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs and the Joint Committee on Transportation the Executive  
14 Office of Elder Affairs shall make no change which diminishes a program's operational control

15 in the reimbursement system or operations of Adult Day Health programs as they relate to  
16 transportation of program participants. For the purposes of this section operational control shall  
17 include but not be limited to issues related to routing scheduling vendor selection and contracting  
18 staffing and supervision. Notwithstanding the prior provisions of this section the executive  
19 office may grant periodic rate increases as appropriate for transportation services.