

HOUSE No. 533

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to establish an Alzheimer's state plan commission..

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. Pursuant to section 2 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, the Alzheimer’s
2 State Plan Commission is established. The Alzheimer’s State Plan Commission will consist of
3 the following members, including, but not limited to, the Chairpersons of the Joint Committee on
4 Healthcare Financing; Elder Affairs; and Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities or
5 their designees, at least 1 person with Alzheimer’s disease; 1 caregiver of a person with
6 Alzheimer’s disease; 1 representative of the nursing facility industry; 1 representative of the
7 assisted living industry; 1 representative of the adult day services industry; 1 representative of
8 the medical care provider community; 1 representative of the home care/home health industry; 1
9 representative from hospice; 1 Alzheimer’s disease researcher; and 1 representative from the
10 Alzheimer’s Association Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter to be appointed by the
11 Governor.

12 Additional members are to be the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, the
13 Secretary of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Secretary of the Executive Office of
14 Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Retardation, the

15 Director of the Office of Medicaid, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and
16 Security, and the Secretary of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, or
17 their designees.

18 Members of the Commission shall serve on a voluntary basis and are not entitled to
19 mileage, per diem, subsistence or other forms of compensation.

20 Section 2. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall convene the
21 Alzheimer's State Plan Commission and the Secretary shall serve as the chair.

22 Section 3. The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission is directed to assess the current and
23 future impact of Alzheimer's disease on residents of the Commonwealth, to examine the existing
24 industries, services and resources addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's , their
25 families and caregivers; and to develop a strategy to mobilize a state response.

26 Section 4. This report is to include:

27 trends in the Commonwealth's Alzheimer's population and needs, including the changing
28 population with dementia;

29 existing services, resources, and the capacity to serve persons with Alzheimer's and
30 related dementia; and,

31 needed state policies or responses, including but not limited to directions for the clear and
32 coordinated services and supports to persons and families living with Alzheimer's and related
33 disorders and strategies to address any identified gaps in services.

34 Section 5. The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission is directed to hold public meetings as
35 needed and utilize technological means, such as webcasts, to generate discussion and gather

36 feedback on the recommendations from persons and families affected by Alzheimer's disease
37 and the general public across the Commonwealth.

38 Section 6. The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission is directed to submit a report of its
39 findings and data-specific recommendations to the Governor, the General Court, the Department
40 of Elder Affairs, the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, and
41 the Joint Committee on Healthcare Financing on the form of a State Alzheimer's Plan no later
42 than February 1, 2010.

43 Section 7. The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission shall sunset upon delivery of the
44 State Alzheimer's Plan.