

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 186**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Tom Sannicandro***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish self determination for elder care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2011</i>
<i>Gale D. Candaras</i>		<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 186) of Tom Sannicandro and Gale D. Candaras for legislation to develop recommendations for the implementation of a self-determination model within the Department of Elder Affairs. Elder Affairs.

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[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  
10 design 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  
12 upon the 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  
15 members and other interested parties to develop the recommendations required by this  
16 paragraph; and

17           (C) Advise the Governor and the General Court on whether the recommendations should  
18 be implemented by administrative regulations or proposed legislation