

HOUSE No. 4081

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act relative to a personal care attendant orientation program.

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. Subsection (b) of section 32 of chapter 118G of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 10 by inserting after the words
3 “determined by the council” the following:—

4 The council shall work jointly with interested stakeholders to establish a personal care
5 attendant orientation program for persons newly hired as personal care attendants. The
6 orientation program shall supplement but not replace training provided by consumers of personal
7 care attendant services. The orientation program may include training in independent living
8 principles, identifying and reporting fraud and abuse, and workers’ rights and responsibilities.
9 The orientation program shall be completed within four months of the date of initial employment
10 as a personal care attendant and shall require no more than four hours to complete. The
11 provisions of this section shall not apply to any person employed as a personal care attendant on
12 or before July 1, 2013. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect personal care attendant
13 program principles of consumer direction control.