

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1882**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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Joint, October 11, 2013.

BILL #: S295

BILL STATUS: Favorable with Amendment

DISSENTERS:

None

ACCOMPANIED BILLS:

None

For the committee,

JAMES T. WELCH

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The committee on Health Care Financing, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee (Senate, No. 295),- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft of the same title (Senate, No. 1882).

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee.

*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.(a) The department of public health shall convene an Alzheimer’s and  
2 Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee. The Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias  
3 Acute Care Advisory Committee shall consist of:

4                   i) A designee of the secretary of health and human services;

5                   (ii) A designee of the secretary of elder affairs;

6                   (iii) A designee of the commissioner of the department of public health;

7                   (iv) A designee of the secretary of veteran’s affairs;

8                   (v) A designee of the Office of Medicaid;

9                   (vi) 2 Alzheimer patient advocates;

10                  (vii) 2 Alzheimer caregivers;

11                  (viii) 2 health care providers from acute care settings;

12                  (ix) 2 researchers with Alzheimer-related expertise in basic, translational, clinical,  
13 or drug development science;

14                  (x) 2 designees of the Alzheimer’s Association of Massachusetts and New  
15 Hampshire Chapter; and

16 (xi) 2 designees of the Massachusetts Hospitals Association;

17 (b) The Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee shall meet  
18 within 90 days of the effective date of this act and a minimum of three times.

19 SECTION 2.

20 (a) The Acute Care Advisory Committee shall:

21 (1) craft a strategy to address dementia-capable care in all acute care settings in  
22 the Commonwealth;

23 (2) be responsible for presentation of strategy to the state legislature and all  
24 pertinent state agencies and departments and participate in implementing said strategy;

25 (3) help to ensure acute care settings are dementia-capable with Alzheimer's and  
26 related dementias;

27 (4) coordinate with federal government bodies to integrate and inform dementia-  
28 capable care in acute care settings, and

29 (5) provide information and coordination of Alzheimer's and related dementia  
30 care in acute care settings across all state agencies.

31 (b) The Advisory Committee shall advise the general court on Alzheimer's and related  
32 dementia policy in acute care settings and make a written report to the general court and  
33 governor of the and all other pertinent state agencies within 9 months of the Advisory  
34 Committee's first meeting.