

SENATE No. 2240

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen
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SENATE, Thursday, July 3, 2014

The committee on Health Care Financing, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to home health and hospice aides (Senate, No. 2076), reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2240).

For the committee,
James T. Welch

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An Act relative to home health and hospice aides.

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 XX. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and the Secretary
2 of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the chairs' designees, who shall serve as co-chairs,
3 shall complete a comprehensive study of home health agencies in consultation with 4
4 representatives of the General Court, 1 appointed by the Speaker of the House; 1 appointed by
5 the House Minority Leader, 1 appointed by the Senate President; and 1 appointed by the Senate
6 Minority Leader, as well as a representative of the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts. The
7 study shall make recommendations regarding licensure and other means to ensure appropriate
8 levels of high quality provision of home health care services in the Commonwealth. In addition
9 the study shall identify the current numbers of home health care agencies operating in the
10 Commonwealth and the number of home health care agencies in the Commonwealth certified by
11 the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

12 The final study and recommendations, including any recommended standards or
13 regulations for licensing and the projected costs of implementing such recommendations, shall
14 be reported to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on

15 Elder Affairs, the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, the Joint Committee on Public
16 Health, and the Health Planning Council as established pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6A, §16T by no
17 later than January 30, 2015.