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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:
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*	*1/8/2015*

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By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 533) of Tom Sannicandro 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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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

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:

SECTION 1. Chapter 19A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 25 the following section:

Section 25A:--

(A) The department shall develop recommendations for the implementation of a self-determination model of funding services and supports that provides the ability for an individual receiving services and supports to personally control, with appropriate assistance, a targeted amount of dollars; the model shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. The ability to establish an individual rate or budget for each person;

2. Mechanisms to ensure that each participant has the support and assistance necessary to design and implement a package of services and supports unique to the individual;

3. The ability to arrange services, supports, and resources unique to each person based upon the preferences of the recipient; and

4. The design of a system of accountability for the use of public funds.

(B) The commissioner shall appoint an ad-hoc committee composed of commission members and other interested parties to develop the recommendations required by this paragraph; and

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