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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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act to establish self determination for elder care.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Tom Sannicandro* | *7th Middlesex* |
| *Gale D. Candaras* | *[District]* |

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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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *546* OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

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.

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