

HOUSE No. 624

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, petition of Tom Sannicandro for legislation to develop recommendations for the implementation of a self-determination model within the Department of Elder Affairs. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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:

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

3 Section 25A:—

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (C) Advise the Governor and the General Court on whether the
23 recommendations should be implemented by administrative regula-
24 tions or proposed legislation.