

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 bill:

An Act relative to adult day transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Harriette L. Chandler

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02571 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ADULT DAY TRANSPORTATION.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority*
2 *of the same, as follows:*

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4 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby established a task force to examine issues related to transportation of
5 participants in Adult Day Health programs. The task force shall include the secretary of the executive
6 office of health and human services or her designee the secretary of elder affairs or his designee an
7 appointee of the secretary of elder affairs from within state government and 3 providers of adult day
8 health services appointed by the Governor from a list provided by the Massachusetts Adult Day Services
9 Association at least one of which shall operate an in-house transportation system. The task force shall
10 examine such issues as routing scheduling vendor selection and contracting staffing supervision
11 reimbursement quality control and compliance with state and federal regulations. It shall make a report of
12 its findings along with any recommendations for administrative regulatory or statutory changes necessary
13 to carry out its recommendations.

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15 Until such time as the task force established herein reports its findings and recommendations to the Joint
16 Committee on Elder Affairs and the Joint Committee on Transportation the Executive Office of Elder
17 Affairs shall make no change which diminishes a program's operational control in the reimbursement
18 system or operations of Adult Day Health programs as they relate to transportation of program
19 participants. For the purposes of this section operational control shall include but not be limited to issues
20 related to routing scheduling vendor selection and contracting staffing and supervision. Notwithstanding
21 the prior provisions of this section the executive office may grant periodic rate increases as appropriate
22 for transportation services.