

By Ms. Clapgood of Sharon, petition of Marjorie A. Clapgood for legislation to establish a long term care data base demonstration program for health care services. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LONG TERM CARE DATA BASE DEMONSTRATION.

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 1. In order to plan appropriate long term health
2 care services, manage these services, and evaluate changes, a
3 uniform long term care data base is needed. Such a data base
4 would facilitate:

5 a. development of private long term care insurance by
6 providing the data necessary for private insurers to calculate
7 premiums and evaluate proposed coverage;

8 b. determination of need for nursing home beds;

9 c. estimation of health care personnel needs;

10 d. expansion of programs such as HMOs for Medicare
11 beneficiaries to reach more high risk older adults.

12 It is the intention of this act to establish a long term care data
13 base demonstration in the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1 SECTION 2. The John W. McCormack Institute of public
2 affairs of the University of Massachusetts at Boston is hereby
3 authorized and directed to establish a long term data base
4 demonstration. Said Institute shall establish a committee to
5 oversee the preparation of said demonstration. Said committee
6 shall contain representation of appropriate state agencies,
7 provider organizations, the business community, consumer
8 groups, institutes of higher learning, insurers and other interested
9 groups.

10 Said committee may enter into contracts for technical assistance
11 with qualified firms for the development and operation of said
12 demonstration. Qualified firms should have direct experience in
13 health care data base administration in the commonwealth and
14 proven experience with both state agencies and health care
15 provider groups. The committee may require the cooperation of
16 state agencies in the securing of necessary data. Existing data
17 collection instruments should be used where possible. If necessary,
18 the committee may require the implementation of a uniform
19 assessment tool. A unique client identifier will be developed.

1 SECTION 3. The long term data base demonstration shall
2 cover a three year period in three geographical areas. All persons
3 over sixty years of age in said areas shall be included in said
4 demonstration. Provider types to be included in said demonstra-
5 tion shall include hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies,
6 adult day care programs and home care programs. Said committee
7 shall issue an annual report for the first two years of the period.
8 Said committee shall also issue two special studies utilizing said
9 data base, as requested by the committee members of the special
10 commission on elderly health care. Said committee shall issue a
11 final report containing specific recommendation for the full
12 implementation of a state wide long term care data base
13 demonstration including recommendation for the siting,
14 administration and funding of said data base.

1 SECTION 4. Section 2 of chapter 206 of the acts of 1986 is
2 hereby amended by inserting after item 7452-0102 the following
3 item: —

7452-0103	For the first year expenses of a long term care data base demonstration by the John W. McCormack Institute of public affairs at the University of Massachusetts at Boston	\$600,000.
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