

By Mr. Ruane of Salem, petition of J. Michael Ruane that provision be made for local control over elderly home care corporations. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LOCAL CONTROL OVER ELDERLY HOME CARE CORPORATIONS.

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 4 of Chapter 19A is hereby amended by striking out
2 subsection (c) in its entirety, and inserting in place thereof the
3 following subsection: —

4 (c) to encourage and assist communities to plan, develop and
5 implement home care programs, which shall be operated by non-
6 institutional, community-based service agencies organized under
7 public auspices or as private, non-profit corporations organized
8 under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and as
9 designated by the department. A majority of the home care
10 corporation's governing body shall be persons 60 years of age or
11 older residing in the designated service area. Home care programs
12 shall include, but not be limited to case management, homemaker
13 and chore services, transportation, protective services, and
14 information and referral; provided that the department may
15 include additional services where feasible; and provided further,
16 that any council on aging may be a member of its designated area
17 agency on aging without being required to join or make payment
18 to a home care provider.

