Currently, Massachusetts does not license non-medical home care services. These services are essential to the Commonwealth's long-term services and supports system and allow individuals to remain safely in their residence.

The Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts supports the creation of a licensure system that would establish baseline standards for agencies, to ensure a quality network of providers for consumers and keeping services affordable for those who rely on them.

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Authors the Department of Elder Affairs to establish a licensure system which will:

- Require any agency or entity providing home care services to acquire a license
- Authorize the Secretary of EOHHS, in consultation with EOA and DPH to develop regulations
- Authorize the department the ability to conduct surveys and investigations to enforce compliance
- Promulgate regulations related to:
  - Background screening check requirements for all home care workers
  - Minimum standards for consumer-specific service plans
  - Training and Competency requirements for agency staff
  - Minimum coverage requirements for workers comp. & liability insurance
  - Policies and procedures to ensure home care workers have safe working conditions, adequate training and a process for submitting complaints
  - Maintenance of a payroll process that follows all state and federal labor and wage laws

This bill was discussed and developed with input from a variety of stakeholder engagements and built off a Home Care Licensure Commission report (as established by the legislature).

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