

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1900**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Garrett J. Bradley***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to increase current medical providers' knowledge about autism in order to improve the treatment individuals with autism receive in medical settings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Garrett J. Bradley</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1900) of Garrett J. Bradley and others relative to the treatment individuals with autism receive in medical settings. Public Health.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to increase current medical providers' knowledge about autism in order to improve the treatment individuals with autism receive in medical settings.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, to expand  
2 current medical providers' knowledge about autism, the department of public health will design  
3 and provide specialized training on autism through medical continuing education programs for  
4 primary care physicians, neurologists, psychiatrists, dentists, emergency room personnel and  
5 other medical specialists. Once the training on autism is implemented, the department of public  
6 health will design a pilot program to ultimately develop one "autism team" who could be called  
7 upon should a patient with autism enter the emergency room, need tests or x-rays, or need to be  
8 admitted. Members of the "team" will have completed the specialized training on autism and will  
9 be knowledgeable about autism and communication difficulties many people with autism have  
10 and advise medical doctors and other staff how to communicate with the patient.