

HOUSE No. 176

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act To eliminate the use of the word retardation from the general laws..

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
2 Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2004 official edition are hereby amended by
3 striking out the words “mental retardation” and replacing thereof with the words “developmental
4 disabilities.”

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.