

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 106**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Danielle W. Gregoire*

*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 regarding the use of aversive therapy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	
<i>Katherine M. Clark</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Kevin J. Murphy</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	

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By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 106) of Danielle W. Gregoire and others for legislation to prohibit the use of procedures which cause physical pain or deny a reasonable humane existence to persons with disabilities. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act regarding the use of aversive therapy.

*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. Section 16 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following text:-

3           No program, agency, or facility funded, operated, licensed, or approved by any agency or  
4 subdivision of the Commonwealth shall administer or cause to be administered to any person  
5 with a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability any procedure which causes obvious  
6 signs of physical pain, including, but not limited to, hitting, pinching, and electric shock for the  
7 purposes of changing the behavior of the person.

8           No such program may employ any form of physical contact or punishment that is  
9 otherwise prohibited by law, or would be prohibited if used on a non-disabled person.

10           No such program may employ any procedure which denies a person with a physical,  
11 intellectual, or developmental disability reasonable sleep, food, shelter, bedding, bathroom  
12 facilities, and any other aspect expected of a humane existence in the Commonwealth.