

HOUSE No. 1549

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Poirier

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 relative to the protection of persons with disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/20/2015</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2015</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/28/2015</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps Lee</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/20/2015</i>

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1549) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others for legislation to establish penalties for the crime of committing sexual abuse against persons with disabilities. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1568 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the protection of persons with disabilities.

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

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 22C, the following new section:

3 Section 22D. Whoever has sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse with a
4 person with disability, as defined in section 13K, and compels such a person with disability to
5 submit by force and against his or her will or compels such a person with disability to submit by
6 threat of bodily injury, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life or for any
7 terms of years. A prosecution commenced under this section shall neither be continued without a
8 finding nor placed on file.