

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 89**

**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:
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>

<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>

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By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 89) 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 One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

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.