

SENATE No. 611

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara A. L'Italien

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 provide equal access to medical treatments essential for people with autism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>

<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>

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By Mrs. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 611) of Barbara L'Italien, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Michelle M. DuBois, Marjorie C. Decker and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide equal access to medical treatments essential for people with autism. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act to provide equal access to medical treatments essential for people with autism.

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 118E of General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 62 the following section:-

3 Section 63- The Division shall cover the cost of habilitative or rehabilitative medically
4 necessary treatments for individuals aged 22 and older who have been diagnosed with one of the
5 Autism Spectrum Disorders by a licensed physician or a licensed psychologist who determines
6 the care to be medically necessary. Treatments include, but are not limited to, Applied Behavior
7 Analysis supervised by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) that is necessary to develop,
8 maintain or restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual. In
9 addition, the Division shall cover the cost of both dedicated and non-dedicated augmentative and
10 alternative communication devices, including, but not limited to, medically necessary tablets.