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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2209

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine P. Barber

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Christine P. Barber	*34th Middlesex*	*1/19/2017*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*5/17/2018*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*5/17/2018*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*	*5/17/2018*
Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.	*28th Middlesex*	*1/31/2017*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*	*5/17/2018*

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By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2209) of Christine P. Barber and others for legislation to provide equal access to medical treatments essential for persons with autism. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *611* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act ensuring 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:

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

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