

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1130**

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**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:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/11/2019</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2019</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>

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By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1130) of Christine P. Barber and others for legislation to provide equal access to medical treatments essential for persons with autism. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2209 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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:*

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 the  
6 care to be medically necessary. Treatments include, but are not limited to, applied behavior  
7 analysis supervised by a board certified behavior analyst that is necessary to develop, maintain or  
8 restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual. In addition, the  
9 Division shall cover the cost of both dedicated and non-dedicated augmentative and alternative  
10 communication devices, including, but not limited to, medically necessary tablets.