

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 225**

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**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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>8/6/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>

<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>8/18/2021</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/31/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/21/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>9/21/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>9/21/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>10/21/2021</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2022</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2022</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/30/2022</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2022</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>3/30/2022</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/30/2022</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 225**

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By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 225) 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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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 123 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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.