HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 827 FILED ON: 1/17/2023

HOUSE . . . . . No. 180

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:
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*	*1/17/2023*
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	*1/31/2023*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*2/9/2023*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*2/9/2023*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*2/15/2023*
William C. Galvin	*6th Norfolk*	*2/15/2023*
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*	*3/15/2023*
Joan B. Lovely	*Second Essex*	*4/12/2023*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*5/10/2023*
Lydia Edwards	*Third Suffolk*	*5/10/2023*
Samantha Montaño	*15th Suffolk*	*5/10/2023*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*5/24/2023*
Susannah M. Whipps	*2nd Franklin*	*5/24/2023*
Steven Owens	*29th Middlesex*	*6/9/2023*
Erika Uyterhoeven	*27th Middlesex*	*6/9/2023*
Patricia A. Duffy	*5th Hampden*	*7/24/2023*
Edward R. Philips	*8th Norfolk*	*7/24/2023*
Simon Cataldo	*14th Middlesex*	*7/25/2023*

Patrick M. O'Connor	*First Plymouth and Norfolk*	*7/26/2023*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*7/26/2023*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*7/26/2023*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*7/26/2023*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*7/26/2023*
James C. Arena-DeRosa	*8th Middlesex*	*7/31/2023*
Rodney M. Elliott	*16th Middlesex*	*7/31/2023*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*	*7/31/2023*
Natalie M. Blais	*1st Franklin*	*7/31/2023*
Jennifer Balinsky Armini	*8th Essex*	*9/7/2023*
Pavel Payano	*First Essex*	*9/18/2023*
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*10/10/2023*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*10/10/2023*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex*	*10/26/2023*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*10/26/2023*
Nick Collins	*First Suffolk*	*10/26/2023*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*11/15/2023*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*1/10/2024*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	*1/10/2024*

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By Representative Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 180) 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *225* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

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:

SECTION 1. Section 16 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following text:-

No program, agency, or facility funded, operated, licensed, or approved by any agency or subdivision of the Commonwealth shall administer or cause to be administered to any person with a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability any procedure which causes obvious signs of physical pain, including, but not limited to, hitting, pinching, and electric shock for the purposes of changing the behavior of the person.

No such program may employ any form of physical contact or punishment that is otherwise prohibited by law, or would be prohibited if used on a non-disabled person.

No such program may employ any procedure which denies a person with a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability reasonable sleep, food, shelter, bedding, bathroom facilities, and any other aspect expected of a humane existence in the Commonwealth.