

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 180**

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

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

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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.

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[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)**  
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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.