



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN INITIATIVE PETITION

FOR A LAW

Under Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit state-funded, state-operated, or state-licensed facilities from administering painful punishment or behavioral modification procedures to persons with disabilities.

The proposed law would apply to anyone with a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability in any program or facility that is funded, operated, or licensed by the state including prisons, hospitals, childcare facilities, group homes, schools, assisted living facilities, or nursing homes.


The proposed law would prohibit these facilities and programs from

administering punishment to persons with disabilities if those punishments could not legally be administered to a person without a disability. The proposed law would further prohibit these facilities and programs from denying a person with a disability reasonable sleep, shelter, bedding, food, or bathroom access.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2021.

FILING DEADLINES. Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019**. Local election officials must complete their certification no later than December 2, 2019. Thereafter, initiative petitions containing certified signatures must be retrieved by petitioners from the local election officials and then filed with the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, One Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA, no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019**.

FIRST TEN SIGNERS	<p>Daniel J. Farnkoff 76 Readville Street Boston</p> <p>Ronald D. Odom, Jr. 74 Corbet Street Boston</p> <p>Chandrea Peng 6 Hayes Road, #28 Boston</p> <p>Deanna M. Forist 18 Goodway Road Boston</p> <p>Jeff Desruisseaux 25 Stellman Road, #2 Boston</p> <p>Donna M. Rafferty 29 Custer Street, #101 Boston</p> <p>Corrine F. Melvin 73 Highland Street Boston</p> <p>Joann Coleman 75 West Milton Street Boston</p> <p>William F. Holmes 920 Metropolitan Avenue Boston</p> <p>Kelly A. McDonald 76 Readville Street Boston</p>	REGISTRAR USE ONLY:
	<p>These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 4, 2019.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</p>	ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA
CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION	<p>INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT ALTER THIS INITIATIVE PETITION IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS ON THIS PETITION WILL DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION SHEET. For your signature to be valid, you must be a registered voter in the city or town named below and your signature should be written substantially as registered. DO NOT sign the same petition more than once. If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence. 	
CIRCULATOR INFORMATION	<p>SPONSORS OF THIS PETITION MAY BE CONTACTED AT:</p> <p>Petition G 76 Readville Street Hyde Park, MA 02136 857-247-5828</p>	

REGISTRAR USE ONLY	I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated above)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated below)	WARD	PREC.
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ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF **MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.** **G**

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