



# 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

**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**.

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.

Daniel J. Farnkoff	76 Readville Street
Ronald D. Odom, Jr.	74 Corbet Street
Chandrea Peng	6 Hayes Road, #28
Deanna M. Forist	18 Goodway Road
Jeff Desruisseaux	25 Stellman Road, #2
Donna M. Rafferty	29 Custer Street, #101
Corrine F. Melvin	73 Highland Street
Joann Coleman	75 West Milton Street
William F. Holmes	920 Metropolitan Avenue
Kelly A. McDonald	76 Readville Street

Boston

FIRST TEN SIGNERS

These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 4, 2019.

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

#### REGISTRAR USE ONLY:

#### SPONSORS OF THIS PETITION MAY BE CONTACTED AT:

Petition G  
76 Readville Street  
Hyde Park, MA 02136  
857-247-5828

CIRCULATOR INFORMATION

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS

- 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.

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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City or Town

Circulator petition  
sheet number

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF

MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

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ATTENTION VOTERS: Before signing, read signer information on other side. CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRAR USE ONLY	I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated on other side)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated above)	WARD	PREC.
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**WARNING - criminal penalty for unlawfully signing, altering, defacing, mutilating, destroying, or suppressing this petition: fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to one year.**

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRARS

REGISTRAR INFORMATION

- You must time-stamp or write in date and time these papers are received.
- Check thus  against the name of each qualified voter to be certified. For names not certified, use the code at the right. Draw a line through any blank spaces not containing signatures.
- Each sheet must be certified by at least three registrars. A facsimile stamp is acceptable.
- You must complete certification no later than December 2, 2019.

- N** - no such registered voter at that address, or address is illegible.
- S** - unable to identify signature as that of voter because of form of signature, or signature is illegible.
- W** - wrong community.
- T** - already signed papers for this question.

#### CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES

**At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.**

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ month and day \_\_\_\_\_

We certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(number of names certified – use numbers and words)

above signatures checked thus  are names of qualified voters from this city or town.

**Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of**

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_

*City or Town*

**ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF**

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**MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.**

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