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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James H. Fagan**

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for random reviews of abuse investigations conducted by the Department of Mental Retardation.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act providing for random reviews of abuse investigations conducted by the Department of Mental Retardation.

*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 3 of Chapter 19C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (i) the following subsection:—

(j) to conduct random reviews of 10% of the department of mental retardation’s investigation into alleged abuse. The reviews shall be carried out to ensure that any follow-up action recommended is being carried out to remedy the abuse, and to ensure that follow-up action is recommended when appropriate. At the completion of its review, the disabled persons protection commission shall forward a report of its findings to the department and to the secretary of health and human services.