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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Matthew C. Patrick**

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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 relative to Aspergers Syndrome.

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to Aspergers Syndrome.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

 Instructing the Department of Public Health to develop a public education program about Asperger's Syndrome in Adults.  The Department will interact with Families of Adults Affected by Asperger's Syndrome (FAAAS), Incorporated and other groups to:

        \*       Serve as a resource to disseminate information

        \*       Develop training programs for professionals

        \*       Identify progress by creating voluntary registries and programs

\*       Study and evaluate the needs of families and caregivers of Adults with Asperger's Syndrome

        \*       Identify needed services and support to families and caregivers of Adults with

                         Asperger's Syndrome

 \*       Seek resources from the federal government for Asperger's Syndrome and related disabilities.