

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Sean Garballey (BY REQUEST)**

*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 An Act Regarding the Disabled Persons Protection Commission Investigations .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cathe Carpenter

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT AN ACT REGARDING THE DISABLED PERSONS PROTECTION COMMISSION INVESTIGATIONS .

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

- 1        1.            DPPC protocol will be developed disallowing referral of investigations to DMR staff,  
2            when the case involves sudden, unexplained death or serious abuse of a person with  
3            developmental disabilities living in a group home or attending a group day program for whom:
  - 4            a.    Previous allegations of abuse were upheld.
  - 5            b.    No diagnosed illness or age-related condition for which sudden death was cited and  
6            documented
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- 8        2.    Regarding 911 calls: DPPC would require that investigators obtain, review and include  
9            information from a 911 call in investigation reports relating to the death or abuse-related  
10            hospitalization of a consumer.

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