

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 To eliminate the use of the word retardation from the general laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1899 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF THE WORD RETARDATION FROM THE GENERAL LAWS.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts General Laws
2 as appearing in the 2004 official edition are hereby amended by striking out the words “mental retardation” and
3 replacing thereof with the words “developmental disabilities.”

4 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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