

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tolman, Steven (SEN)

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 screening for developmental disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tolman, Steven (SEN)	Second Suffolk and Middlesex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01336 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SCREENING FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

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.

2 Chapter 76 of the General Laws shall be amended by adding the following section after section 15D:

3 Section 15E. The Department of Public Health shall promulgate rules and regulations for the testing,

4 treatment, care, and parental counseling of autism and autism spectrum disorders. The earliest age for

5 screening and the method of screening shall be determined and redetermined by the commissioner in

6 accordance with said regulations in light of advances in medical science.