

HOUSE No. 132

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James H. Fagan

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James H. Fagan	3rd Bristol
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 90 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 19C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after subsection (i) the following subsection:—
3 (j) to conduct random reviews of 10% of the department of mental retardation's investigation into alleged abuse.
4 The reviews shall be carried out to ensure that any follow-up action recommended is being carried out to remedy the
5 abuse, and to ensure that follow-up action is recommended when appropriate. At the completion of its review, the
6 disabled persons protection commission shall forward a report of its findings to the department and to the secretary
7 of health and human services.