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HOUSE . . . . . No. 81

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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:

An Act providing for random reviews of abuse investigations conducted by the Department of Mental Retardation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 81) of Thomas M. Stanley, Stephen L. DiNatale and Chris Walsh for legislation to provide for random reviews of abuse investigations conducted by the Department of Developmental Services. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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, NO. *132* OF 2009-2010.]

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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:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 19C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (i) the following subsection:—

(j) to conduct random reviews of 10% of the department of mental retardation's investigation into alleged abuse. The reviews shall be carried out to ensure that any follow-up action recommended is being carried out to remedy the abuse, and to ensure that follow-up action is recommended when appropriate. At the completion of its review, the disabled persons protection commission shall forward a report of its findings to the department and to the secretary of health and human services.