HOUSE No. 1006

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley

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 the definition of autism in the childrens autism medicaid waiver.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Garrett J. Bradley	3rd Plymouth
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex
John J. Lawn, Jr.	10th Middlesex
Thomas J. Calter	12th Plymouth
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire

FILED ON: 1/18/2013

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1006) of Garrett J. Bradley and others relative to the definition of autism in the childrens autism medicaid waiver. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the definition of autism in the childrens autism medicaid waiver.

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

1 Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2005 is hereby amended by striking out the following

- 2 sentence in the second paragraph "Autism spectrum disorder includes the following disorders as
- 3 defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fourth edition (DSM-IV-
- 4 TR, 2000): autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder, pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise
- 5 specified, childhood disintegrative disorder, and Rett's disorder." and inserting in place thereof
- 6 the following:- "The terms 'autism' or 'autism spectrum disorder 'shall have the same meaning
- 7 as the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders."