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By Mr. Eldridge of Acton, petition of James B. Eldridge and others for legislation to further define the term “disabled person” as used by the Disabled Persons Protection Commission. Public Health.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF A DISABLED PERSON AS USED BY THE DISABLED PERSONS PROTECTION COMMISSION.

*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 of Chapter 19C of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the definition for the  
3 term “disabled person”, by deleting the period (.) so appearing on  
4 line 19 and adding at the end of said definition the following  
5 clause:—  
6 ; provided, however, that “disabled person” in this chapter shall  
7 include all persons who are over the age of fifty-nine and who are  
8 mentally retarded, or otherwise mentally or physically disabled, and  
9 who reside in a state school, state hospital, or any residential setting  
10 operated by a private agency which provides services to disabled  
11 persons, or who have as their caretaker a state agency, as defined in  
12 this chapter; and, provided further, that no such agency or provider  
13 is licensed under any provision of Chapter 111.