

HOUSE No. 2208

By Mr. Patrick of Falmouth, petition of Matthew C. Patrick and others relative to the establishment by the Department of Public Health of a public education program about Asperger's Syndrome in adults. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASPERGER'S SYNDROME.

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

- 1 Instructing the Department of Public Health to develop a public
- 2 education program about Asperger's Syndrome in Adults. The
- 3 Department will interact with Families of Adults Affected by
- 4 Asperger's Syndrome (FAAAS), Incorporated and other groups to:
 - 5 • Serve as a resource to disseminate information
 - 6 • Develop training programs for professionals
 - 7 • Identify progress by creating voluntary registries and programs
 - 8 • Study and evaluate the needs of families and caregivers of
 - 9 Adults with Asperger's Syndrome
 - 10 • Identify needed services and support to families and caregivers
 - 11 of Adults with Asperger's Syndrome
 - 12 • Seek resources from the federal government for Asperger's Syn-
 - 13 drome and related disabilities.