

SUMMARY OF NO. 19-05

This proposed law would prohibit the use of electric shocks on any person with a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability for punishment, behavior modification, or for any reason other than medical resuscitation or for electroconvulsive treatment to which the person has consented. This prohibition would not apply to authorized law enforcement officers engaged in law enforcement duties.

The penalty for violating the proposed law would be imprisonment for not more than two-and-a-half years in a house of correction or five years in state prison. The penalty for a second or subsequent violation would be imprisonment in state prison for not more than ten years.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2021.