

Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to the Treatment of Persons with Disabilities

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority:

Section 1. Section 13F of Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting, at the end of the section, the following text:

Any person, who is not an authorized law enforcement officer engaged in the permissible deployment of an electronic control weapon (such as those commonly referred to as “Tasers”) in the course of effecting a lawful arrest or otherwise lawfully discharging his or her duties, who administers painful electric shocks or causes painful electric shocks to be administered to any person with a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability for the purpose of punishing the person, changing their behavior, or for any reason other than to resuscitate the person from cardiac arrest or as part of ECT treatment for depression or other mental illness to which the person receiving such treatment has voluntarily assented shall for the first offense be punished by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than two and one-half years or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years; and, for a second or subsequent offense, by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than ten years.

Section 2. Effective Date. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this act are severable. If any part shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not impair the remaining provisions.

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