

HOUSE No. 2047

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray relative to the control of so-called deprogrammers in the Commonwealth by the Attorney-General. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONTROL OF SO-CALLED DEPROGRAMMERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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

1 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the
2 contrary, recognizing and re-affirming the inherent constitutional
3 rights of all citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to
4 freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of association and
5 the privileges and immunities of citizenship, and further recogniz-
6 ing that the practice of so-called deprogramming hereinafter
7 defined as the forcible abduction and/or confinement of any
8 individual, without said individuals knowing and willing consent
9 for the purpose of undermining the religious, political or
10 ideological beliefs of said individual, is a direct violation of those
11 constitutional rights, be it hereby resolved that the Attorney
12 General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is authorized to
13 prosecute such violations under existing Massachusetts Criminal
14 statutes.

