

# SENATE . . . . . No. 811

By Mr. Shannon (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 811) of Kevin Hall for legislation relative to wrongful neglect reports. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

### AN ACT TO CURB WRONGFUL NEGLECT REPORTS.

*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 51A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after the  
3 first sentence, the following sentence:— A parent's or legal  
4 guardian's decision against medicating their child with psychotropic  
5 drug(s) or having him/her receive mental health counseling shall not  
6 be considered neglect.

