

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to LGBT awareness training for aging services providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Jeffrey Sánchez	15th Suffolk
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex
Denise C. Garlick	13th Norfolk
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Jack Lewis	7th Middlesex
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex
Adrian Madaro	1st Suffolk
Daniel M. Donahue	16th Worcester
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex
Juana Matias	16th Essex
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex
Dylan Fernandes	Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket

Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Solomon Goldstein-Rose	3rd Hampshire
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth
Jay D. Livingstone	8th Suffolk
Daniel Cullinane	12th Suffolk
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
Paul Tucker	7th Essex
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex
Natalie Higgins	4th Worcester
William Smitty Pignatelli	4th Berkshire

By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2892) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others for legislation to authorize the Department of Elder Affairs to develop a curriculum and training program on the prevention of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Elder Affairs.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

An Act relative to LGBT awareness training for aging services providers.

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 1. Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official

2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 41 the following section:-

3	Section 42. The department shall develop a curriculum and training program on the
4	prevention and elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and
5	expression and on improving access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders
6	and caregivers. The training program shall be completed by all providers of services who
7	contract with or receive funding from the department, Aging Service Access Points or the
8	MassHealth Office of Long Term Care, or whose services are certified by the department.
9	SECTION 2. The training curriculum established pursuant to section 42 of Chapter 19A
10	of the General Laws shall be completed within 9 months of enactment of the legislation, and a

11 provider shall commence the training program within 12 months of employment.