HOUSE No. 3107

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Biele and Daniel J. Hunt

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 the employment of persons with disabilities on state contracts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
David Biele	4th Suffolk	2/4/2021
Daniel J. Hunt	13th Suffolk	2/4/2021
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	2/26/2021
Carlos González	10th Hampden	2/26/2021
Josh S. Cutler	6th Plymouth	2/26/2021
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	2/23/2021
Christopher Hendricks	11th Bristol	2/26/2021
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	2/23/2021
Michael J. Moran	18th Suffolk	3/16/2021
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex	3/16/2021
Daniel J. Ryan	2nd Suffolk	3/16/2021
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	3/16/2021
Daniel M. Donahue	16th Worcester	3/16/2021
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk	3/29/2021
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	3/29/2021
Tommy Vitolo	15th Norfolk	3/29/2021
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	4/6/2021
William J. Driscoll, Jr.	7th Norfolk	4/6/2021

Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	4/6/2021
Adrian C. Madaro	1st Suffolk	4/6/2021
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk	4/6/2021
Richard M. Haggerty	30th Middlesex	4/6/2021
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	4/6/2021

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By Messrs. Biele of Boston and Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3107) of David Biele, Daniel J. Hunt and others relative to the employment of persons with disabilities on state contracts. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 2671 OF 2019-2020.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act relative to the employment of persons with disabilities on state contracts.

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

- 1 Chapter 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by placing after Section
- 2 38P the following: -
- 3 SECTION 38Q. (a) Any contract issued for services in the Commonwealth of
- 4 Massachusetts or any political subdivision there-in that receives appropriated funds from the
- 5 legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall employ up to 10% of individuals hired
- 6 within that contract be individuals with disabilities. Notwithstanding any general or special law
- 7 to the contract, the Supplier Diversity Office in consultation with the Massachusetts Office on
- 8 Disability, the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation
- 9 Commission shall implement and regulate said law.

(b) Such services shall include but not be limited to janitorial and custodial services, landscaping services, mailroom services, food services, fleet management, manufacturing, trash removal, document destruction, electronic scanning of documents, and facility management services including but not limited to HVAC Services, Painting, Emergency Repair Series, and Snow Removal.

- (c) For the purpose of this act, an individual with a disability will be defined as; someone
 (i) who has a severe physical or mental impairment which seriously limits one or more functional capacities (such as mobility, communication, self-care, self-direction, interpersonal skills, work tolerance, or work skills) in terms of an employment outcome; (ii) someone whose vocational rehabilitation can be expected to require multiple vocational rehabilitation services over an extended period of time; (iii) someone who has one or more physical or mental disabilities resulting from amputation, arthritis, autism, blindness, burn injury, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, deafness, head injury, heart disease, hemiplegia, hemophilia, respiratory or pulmonary dysfunction, mental retardation, mental illness, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, musculo-skeletal disorders, neurological disorders (including stroke and epilepsy), paraplegia, quadriplegia, and other spinal cord conditions, sickle cell anemia, specific learning disability, end-stage renal disease, or another disability or combination of disabilities determined on the basis of an assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation to cause comparable substantial functional limitation.
- (d) The percentage requirements shall be met within one year of award of such contract, and steps shall be taken to minimize the displacement of any workers already providing the services covered by such contract.

32 (e) The percentage requirement laid out in this section shall be phased into effect as
33 follows:
34 January 1, 2021, at least 2%
35 January 1, 2022, at least 4%
36 January 1, 2023, at least 6%
37 January 1, 2024, at least 8%
38 January 1, 2025, at least 10%