

HOUSE No. 365

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 truth in advertising in campaigns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Colleen M. Garry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

36th Middlesex

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 365) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to prohibit false information in political advertisements. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 559 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to truth in advertising in campaigns.

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. Notwithstanding any special or general law, or rule or regulation to the
- 2 contrary, no political advertisement may contain any false information. If a candidate or PAC is
- 3 proven to have falsified or wrongly stated an opponent’s stand, vote and/or background, the
- 4 candidate or PAC shall forfeit all funds in their committee or PAC accounts to the
- 5 Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Fund.