

HOUSE No. 4535

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 21, 2016.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to LGBT awareness training for aging services providers (House, No. 526), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4535).

For the committee,

BRIAN S. DEMPSEY.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

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 program established pursuant to section 42 of Chapter 19A of
10 the General Laws shall be completed by July 1, 2018; provided, that after July 1, 2018 any
11 provider that would otherwise be trained pursuant to section 42 shall complete the training
12 program within the first 6 months of employment, contract or certification.