

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 559**

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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. 559) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to prohibit false information in political advertisements . Election Laws.

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