

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1392**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Christine P. Barber*

*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 to amend the definition of hate crime.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>6/8/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>12/5/2023</i>

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By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1392) of Christine P. Barber relative to the definition of hate crime. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1464 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to amend the definition of hate crime.

*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. Section 39(a) of Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 official edition, is hereby amended by replacing the words “of a person” in Line 2 with the words  
3 “of another” and replacing the words “such person” in Line 3 with the words “a person.”

4           Section 2. Section 39(a) of Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
5 official edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph after paragraph one of the  
6 said section: “If restitution is ordered under the provisions of this section for purposes of  
7 repairing the damage done to the real or personal property with intent to intimidate a person  
8 because of such person’s race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity,  
9 or disability, such restitution shall be used to repair the damage done to the property.”