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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen M. Brewer

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act requiring a statement of compliance with internet accessibility guidelines for websites to be funded with grant money from the Massachusetts public agencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Roy Nilson	*21 Common Street, Petersham, MA 01366*

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By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1565) of Stephen M. Brewer and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to require a statement of compliance with internet accessibility guidelines for websites to be funded with grant money for the Massachusetts public agencies. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act requiring a statement of compliance with internet accessibility guidelines for websites to be funded with grant money from the Massachusetts public agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all organizations that apply for and receive grant monies from any agency of the Commonwealth for a project that includes the design and maintenance of an internet website shall certify in writing to the funding agency that they are aware of and will work to design their website to be in substantial compliance with published standards for Web Accessibility as detailed in the Americans with Disabilities Act.