

HOUSE No. 526

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 LGBT awareness training for aging services providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>

<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 526) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to the prevention and elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression within the Department of Elder Affairs. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 547 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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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 2010 official edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 6 the following section:-

3 Section 6A. The department shall focus on the prevention and elimination of
4 discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, as well as on
5 improving access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders and caregivers. To
6 that end, the department shall work to ensure that a curriculum is developed that will support the
7 training for the delivery of services. The department shall require that over a period of time such
8 training be completed by all providers of services who contract with or receive funding from the

9 department, from Aging Service Access Points and/or from the MassHealth Office of Long Term
10 Care, or whose services are certified by the department.

11 The department shall develop a process and timeframe for completing such trainings by
12 those who deliver services.