

HOUSE No. 3805

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act addressing LGBT elder inclusion..

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 2006 official edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

3 Section 6A: The department shall contract with appropriate individuals and community
4 agencies to develop a curriculum for the delivery of accessible and appropriate services to
5 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders and caregivers. Said curriculum shall focus on the
6 prevention and elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and
7 expression, as well as on improving access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender
8 elders. The department shall require that such training be completed by all providers of services
9 who contract with or receive funding from the department, from Aging Service Access Points
10 and/or from the MassHealth Office of Long Term Care, or whose services are certified by the
11 department.

12 The department shall subcontract with appropriate community agencies or programs to
13 conduct said training and shall promulgate regulations for its provision, including expected time
14 frames for its completion and any penalties that may apply to providers for failure to comply.