

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 136**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James J. O'Day***

*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 increase the Commonwealth's compliance with federal law meeting requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:              | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>James J. O'Day</i>         | <i>14th Worcester</i>          | <i>1/14/2013</i> |
| <i>David Paul Linsky</i>      | <i>5th Middlesex</i>           |                  |
| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>      | <i>8th Middlesex</i>           |                  |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>      | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> |                  |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>               | <i>11th Middlesex</i>          |                  |
| <i>Thomas J. Calter</i>       | <i>12th Plymouth</i>           |                  |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i>          | <i>11th Norfolk</i>            |                  |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i>            |                  |
| <i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>         | <i>1st Norfolk</i>             |                  |
| <i>John J. Mahoney</i>        | <i>13th Worcester</i>          |                  |
| <i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>       | <i>13th Middlesex</i>          |                  |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>      | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>   |                  |
| <i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>      | <i>21st Middlesex</i>          |                  |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i>           | <i>5th Worcester</i>           |                  |
| <i>John H. Rogers</i>         | <i>12th Norfolk</i>            |                  |
| <i>Denise Provost</i>         | <i>27th Middlesex</i>          |                  |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>      | <i>9th Middlesex</i>           |                  |

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*  
*Chris Walsh*

*14th Norfolk*  
*6th Middlesex*

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 136) of James J. O'Day and others relative to job opportunities for people with disabilities. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 982 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act to increase the Commonwealth's compliance with federal law meeting requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

*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 61 of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after subsection (q) the following paragraphs: -

3 The Executive Office of Administration and Finance shall develop standards to identify  
4 and recruit with the intent to hire qualified applicants with disabilities; said standards shall apply  
5 to all vendors providing direct services under multi-year contracts or grants funded by agencies  
6 within the Executive Offices of the Commonwealth. Standards shall include a commitment to  
7 hiring people with disabilities and training all employees involved in hiring decisions on the  
8 requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

9 The Executive Office Administration and Finance shall report its findings, which shall  
10 include the progress made toward achieving this employment goal by enumerating percentages  
11 of people with disabilities employed by total head count and new hires at the beginning and end  
12 of contract period, to the Clerk of the House of Representatives; the Clerk of the Senate; the Joint  
13 Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities; and the Joint Committee on  
14 Labor and Workforce Development no later than October 31, 2013, and thereafter, no later than  
15 October 31 annually.