

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 547**

**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>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>

<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th 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. 547) 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.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1099 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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.