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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Gloria L. Fox***

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*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 fair housing protections for survivors of domestic violence.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/17/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/17/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>9/17/2019</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>9/17/2019</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>9/17/2019</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/17/2019</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/17/2019</i>

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By Ms. Fox of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1301) of Gloria L. Fox and others relative to discrimination protections for survivors of domestic violence in fair housing opportunities. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act to increase fair housing protections for survivors of domestic violence.

*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 1 of Chapter 151B, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following subsection: -

3           Section 24. The term “survivor of domestic violence” shall mean any person who has  
4 been the victim of domestic violence as defined in section 23 of chapter 186.

5           SECTION 2. Section 4 of said chapter 151B is hereby amended by striking out, in line X,  
6 the words “ age or handicap” inserting in place thereof the followings words:--

7           age, handicap, or status as a survivor of domestic violence

8           SECTION 3. Said section 4 of Chapter 151B is hereby amended by inserting after the  
9 words “or has any other handicap”, in line X the following words: --

10          or because of his status as a survivor of domestic violence

11           SECTION 4. Said section 4 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “or  
12   hearing impairment”, in line X the following words:--

13           or because of his status as a survivor of domestic violence

14           SECTION 5. Said Section 4 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words  
15   “sexual orientation”, in line X the following words:--

16           or because such person is a survivor of domestic violence

17           SECTION 6. Said section 4 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word  
18   “persons”, in line X and the word “impairment”, in line XX and XXX the following words:--

19           or because such person is a survivor of domestic violence

20           SECTION 7. Said section 4 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words  
21   “public assistance reciprocity”, in line X the following words:--

22           status as a survivor of domestic violence,

23           SECTION 8. Said section 4 is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines X, XX,  
24   and XXX, the words “or marital status” and inserting in place thereof the following words:--

25           marital status, or status as a survivor of domestic violence

26           SECTION 9. Said section 4 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word  
27   “child”, in line X the following words:--

28           or a person who is a victim of domestic violence

29           SECTION 10. Said section 4 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line X, the  
30 words “or a person having a child” and inserting in place thereof the following words:--

31           a person having a child, or a person who is a victim of domestic violence.

32           SECTION 11. This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.