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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradford R. Hill

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 accessible electronic information technology for persons with disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex	1/15/2015
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	12/2/2019
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol	2/3/2015
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth	12/2/2019
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester	1/20/2015
Leonard Mirra	2nd Essex	1/16/2015
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	12/2/2019
Leah Cole	12th Essex	12/2/2019
Donald H. Wong	9th Essex	12/2/2019
Shawn Dooley	9th Norfolk	1/22/2015
Susannah M. Whipps Lee	2nd Franklin	1/20/2015
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	12/2/2019
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	12/2/2019

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By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2754) of Bradford R. Hill and others relative to accessible electronic information technology for persons with disabilities. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 2818 OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act relative to accessible electronic information technology for persons with disabilities.

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. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, each division and agency of the
- 2 Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be directed to activate all TTY Messaging ideally for
- 3 each active mailbox, but in the minimum assigning at least one TTY enabled mailbox for each
- 4 member's office and administrative unit of government;
- Any work group that employs or may employ individuals with visual impairments should
- 6 be required to download and install helper applications that allow individuals who are blind or
- 7 who have visual impairments to work job functions that require the perception of information
- 8 that is only visually discernable on a telephone; agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- 9 that employs Interactive Voice Response self-service applications should be required to include

- 10 prompts that allows individuals who use TTY's to communicate over the phone to access the
- 11 self-service applications.