

SENATE No. 86

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara A. L'Italien

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:
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

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By Mrs. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 86) of Barbara L'Italien, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Carolyn C. Dykema, Anne M. Gobi and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase the Commonwealth's compliance with federal law meeting requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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

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 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after subsection (q) the following paragraphs: -

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

10 The Executive Office Administration and Finance shall report its findings, which shall
11 include the progress made toward achieving this employment goal by enumerating percentages

12 of people with disabilities employed by total head count and new hires at the beginning and end
13 of contract period, to the Clerk of the House of Representatives; the Clerk of the Senate; the Joint
14 Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities; and the Joint Committee on
15 Labor and Workforce Development no later than October 31, 2015, and thereafter, no later than
16 October 31 annually.