

HOUSE No. 2892

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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Adrian Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Juana B. Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	

<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2892) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others for legislation to authorize the Department of Elder Affairs to develop a curriculum and training program on the prevention of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Elder Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 41 the following section:-

3 Section 42. The department shall develop a curriculum and training program on the
4 prevention and elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and
5 expression and on improving access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders
6 and caregivers. The training program shall be completed by all providers of services who
7 contract with or receive funding from the department, Aging Service Access Points or the
8 MassHealth Office of Long Term Care, or whose services are certified by the department.

9 SECTION 2. The training curriculum established pursuant to section 42 of Chapter 19A
10 of the General Laws shall be completed within 9 months of enactment of the legislation, and a
11 provider shall commence the training program within 12 months of employment.