

HOUSE No. 3046

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David F. DeCoste, (BY REQUEST)

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 supporting universal signs on public bathrooms.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Dawn Freeland</i>		<i>1/18/2017</i>

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3046) of Dawn Freeland relative to universally understandable restroom signs for public accommodations. The Judiciary.

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

An Act supporting universal signs on public bathrooms.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended inserting after section 92A the
2 following section:-

3 Section 92B. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
4 contrary, all public restrooms and places of public accommodation, as defined in section 92A,
5 shall have posted universally understandable restroom signs to ensure that a person with a
6 disability or limited language proficiency has full and equal access to such restrooms and places
7 of public accommodation. Whoever deprives any person of any right conferred by this section
8 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300, provided that additional fines may be charged
9 for each day the violation continues to exist after initial notice of such violation in an amount not
10 to exceed \$100 per each additional day.

11 The architectural access board, pursuant to section 13A of chapter 22, shall promulgate
12 regulations as necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section.