

HOUSE No. 3597

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel Cullinane

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 eliminating discrimination in blood donations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>

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By Mr. Cullinane of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3597) of Daniel Cullinane and others relative to discrimination in blood donations. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to eliminating discrimination in blood donations.

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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 237. Any person that maintains blood donor facilities or provides blood donation
3 services to the public shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender or sexual orientation;
4 provided, however that such person may require proof of a negative human immunodeficiency
5 virus (HIV) test result prior to accepting blood donations. Upon providing such proof a donor
6 shall be allowed to donate blood. For the purposes of this section the term “blood donation”
7 shall mean whole blood donation, platelet donation or plasma donation.