

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1689**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Cynthia Stone Creem***

*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 prohibiting discrimination in state contracts.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

*Joseph A. Boncore*  
*Karen E. Spilka*

*First Suffolk and Middlesex*  
*Second Middlesex and Norfolk*

*2/3/2017*  
*2/14/2017*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1689) of Cynthia S. Creem, Ruth B. Balser, Jay R. Kaufman, Richard J. Ross and other members of the General Court for legislation to prohibit discrimination in state contracts. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act prohibiting discrimination in state contracts.

*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 30b of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the  
2 following section after section 23:

3           Section 24: Prohibition of Discrimination in State Contracts

4           A) A person who submits a bid or proposal to, or otherwise proposes to enter into or  
5 renew a contract with, a state agency with respect to any contract in the amount of ten thousand  
6 dollars (\$10,000) or more shall certify, under penalty of perjury, at the time the bid or proposal is  
7 submitted or the contract is renewed, all of the following:

8           (1) They are in full compliance with Massachusetts Anti-Discrimination Laws (G.L. c.  
9 151b; G.L. c. 151e; G.L. c. 149 §§ 105A, 105B and 105C; G.L. c. 272 § 92A; G.L. c. 272 § 98;

10 An Act to Establish Pay Equity, 2016 Mass. Acts c. 177 (effective July 2018).) and

11           (2) They do not currently, and will not during the duration of the contract, refuse, fail, or  
12 cease to do business with any other person when that action is based upon such other person's  
13 race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, gender identity or sexual orientation.

14           B) Any policy adopted by a person or actions taken thereunder that are reasonably  
15 necessary to comply with federal or state sanctions or laws affecting sovereign nations or their  
16 nationals shall not be construed as unlawful discrimination in violation of Massachusetts Anti-  
17 Discrimination Laws.

18           C) Violation of this Section shall result in rescission of the contract.

19           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.