

**SENATE . . . . . No. 346**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia D. Jehlen***

*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:	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>10/16/2017</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 346) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Jack Lewis, Byron Rushing, William N. Brownsberger and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the prevention and elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression within the Department of Elder Affairs. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 526 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 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.