

HOUSE No. 2704

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmine Lawrence Gentile

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 protecting information relating to the religious affiliation of an individual.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2704) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to the disclosure of personal religious affiliation information by the Commonwealth to federal agencies. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3369 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act protecting information relating to the religious affiliation of an individual.

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 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 5 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 5A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no state agency
4 shall provide or disclose to any federal agency or authority personal information regarding the
5 religious affiliation of any individual that is requested for the purpose of compiling a database of
6 individuals based solely on religious affiliation.