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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***James Arciero, (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 relative to the display of the Blue Lives Matter flag in public buildings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Richard Andrew MacDonald</i>	<i>46 Pine Hill Rd Chelmsford, MA 01824</i>	<i>2/25/2020</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard Andrew MacDonald relative to the display or wearing of certain flags in public buildings. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to the display of the Blue Lives Matter flag in public buildings.

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

2 Section 66. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context  
3 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

4 “Blue lives matter flag” or “Thin blue line flag”, a black and white United States flag  
5 with a blue stripe.

6 “Public employee”, elected or appointed, officers or employees of any public employer,  
7 whether serving full or part-time, temporary or permanent, compensated or uncompensated and  
8 officers or soldiers of the military forces of the commonwealth.

9 (b) The blue lives matter flag shall not be displayed in or on any building of a public  
10 institution of the commonwealth.

11           (c) A public employee shall not wear or display the blue lives matter flag while on  
12 property owned by the commonwealth or while working in their official capacity as a public  
13 employee.