

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3379**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Hannah Kane and Carolyn C. Dykema***

*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 creation of a women's rights history trail.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>4/25/2021</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/6/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>5/6/2021</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/19/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>6/2/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>9/3/2021</i>

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By Representatives Kane of Shrewsbury and Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3379) of Hannah Kane, Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2940 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail.

*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 6C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3                   Section 77. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the  
4 following meanings:

5                   “Executive director”, the executive director of the office of travel and tourism.

6                   “Secretary”, the secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

7                   (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary, in  
8 conjunction with the executive director, shall develop and implement a Women’s Rights History  
9 Trail program, which shall include designating properties and sites that are historically and

10 thematically associated with the struggle for women’s rights and women’s suffrage. Said  
11 program shall promote education and awareness of the struggle for women’s rights in the  
12 commonwealth.

13 (c) The secretary and executive director shall produce and disseminate appropriate  
14 educational materials regarding the trail program, which may include handbooks, maps, exhibits,  
15 uniform signs, interpretive guides and electronic information.

16 (d) The executive director shall develop vacation itineraries based on the  
17 Women’s Rights History Trail program, which shall identify surrounding attractions, restaurants,  
18 farms, lodging and other exhibits or places of entertainment as may be a part of the historical  
19 theme linking the properties and sites in the Women’s Rights History Trail program.

20 (e) The secretary may erect and maintain signs on the state highway system or  
21 trails designated pursuant to this section; provided that any trail designation shall be of a  
22 ceremonial nature and the official names of such highways shall not be changed as a result of  
23 such designations.

24 (f) In developing and implementing the Women’s Rights History Trail program,  
25 the secretary shall consider the recommendations of the Women’s Rights History Trail Task  
26 Force of 2021-2022.

27 SECTION 2. There shall be established, pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the  
28 General Laws, the Women’s Rights History Trail Task Force of 2021-2022 to research, solicit  
29 public input and make recommendations for sites, properties and attractions to be included in the  
30 Women’s Rights History Trail program established pursuant to section 1. The task force shall  
31 consider, in making such recommendations, sites that (i) are historically and thematically

32 associated with the struggle for women’s rights and women’s suffrage; (ii) are geographically  
33 diverse; and (iii) commemorate individuals who reflect racial, ethnic, cultural and economic  
34 diversity.

35           The task force shall consist of the following 13 members: the house and senate  
36 chairs of the joint committee on tourism, arts, and cultural development, who shall serve as co-  
37 chairs of the task force; 1 person to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1  
38 person to be appointed by the president of the senate; the minority leader of the house of  
39 representatives, or their designee; the minority leader of the senate, or their designee; the house  
40 and senate chairs of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, or their designees; the  
41 secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or their designee; the executive  
42 director of the Massachusetts office of travel and tourism, or their designee; the executive  
43 director of the commission on the status of women, established pursuant to section 66 of chapter  
44 3 of the General Laws; 1 person to be appointed by the commission on the status of women,  
45 established pursuant to said section 66 of said chapter 3; and a representative of the  
46 Massachusetts Historical Society.

47           The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations with the clerks of  
48 the house of representatives and senate not later than July 31, 2022.