

**SENATE . . . . . No. 959**

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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 to amend the definition of hate crime.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Marian T. Ryan, Middlesex District Attorney</i>	<i>15 Commonwealth Avenue Woburn, MA 01801</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>4/14/2021</i>

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 959) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Marian T. Ryan, Middlesex District Attorney and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to amend the definition of hate crime. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to amend the definition of hate crime.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Paragraph (a) of Section 39 of Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 official edition, is hereby amended by replacing the words “of a person” in Line 2 with the words  
3 “of another” and replacing the words “such person” in Line 3 with the words “a person.”

4 Paragraph (a) of said Section 39 of Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
5 2016 official edition, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph: “If  
6 restitution is ordered under the provisions of this section for purposes of repairing the damage  
7 done to the real or personal property with intent to intimidate a person because of such person’s  
8 race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability, such  
9 restitution shall be used to repair the damage done to the property.”