

HOUSE No. 1705

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tram T. Nguyen

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 prohibiting body size discrimination.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Tram T. Nguyen</i> | <i>18th Essex</i> | <i>1/14/2023</i> |
| <i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> | <i>1/26/2023</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i> | <i>4/20/2023</i> |
| <i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i> | <i>5/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i> | <i>16th Suffolk</i> | <i>4/3/2024</i> |

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By Representative Nguyen of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1705) of Tram T. Nguyen and Margaret R. Scarsdale relative to prohibiting body size discrimination. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act prohibiting body size discrimination.

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. Section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “identity,” in lines 98 and 349, in
3 each instance, the following words:- “height or weight,”.

4 SECTION 2. Section 5 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
5 amended by inserting after the word “identity,” in line 11, the following words:- “height or
6 weight,”.

7 SECTION 3. Section 12B of said chapter 76 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
8 hereby amended by inserting after the word “identity,” in line 11, the following words:- “height
9 or weight,”.

10 SECTION 4. Section 3 of chapter 151B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
11 amended by inserting after the word “identity,” in lines 17 and 64, in each instance, the

12 following words:- “height or weight, unless for the purposes of compliance with any established
13 state, federal, or industry safety standard.”.

14 SECTION 5. Section 4 of said chapter 151B is hereby amended by inserting after the
15 word “identity,” in lines 3, 187, 202, 210, 221, 230, 264, 291, 298, 309, 359, 367, 377, 477, 488,
16 493, 500, 633, 644, 655, 821, 831 in each instance, the following words:- “height or weight,
17 unless for the purposes of compliance with any established state, federal, or industry safety
18 standard.”.

19 SECTION 6. Section 2 of chapter 151C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
20 amended by inserting after the word “race,” in lines 5 and 18, in each instance, the following
21 words:- “height or weight,”.

22 SECTION 7. Section 2A of said chapter 151C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
23 inserting after the word “race,” in lines 9 and 15, in each instance, the following words:- “height
24 or weight,”.

25 SECTION 8. Section 2 of chapter 151E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
26 amended by inserting after the word “sex,” in lines 14 and 22, in each instance, the following
27 words:- “height or weight, unless for the purposes of compliance with any established state,
28 federal, or industry safety standard.”.

29 SECTION 9. Section 92A of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
30 amended by inserting after the word “identity,” in line 10, the following words:- “height or
31 weight, unless for the purposes of compliance with any established state, federal, or industry
32 safety standard.”.

33 SECTION 10. Section 98 of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
34 inserting after the word “identity,” in line 3, the following words:- “height or weight, unless for
35 the purposes of compliance with any established state, federal, or industry safety standard.”.