

SENATE No. 1412

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Liz Miranda

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 regarding racism as a public health crisis in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/27/2023</i>

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By Ms. Miranda, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1412) of Liz Miranda for legislation to regard racism as a public health crisis in Massachusetts. Public Health.

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

An Act regarding racism as a public health crisis in Massachusetts.

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. The commissioner of the Department of Public Health shall declare racism
2 as a public health crisis, and shall direct the Office of Health Equity to develop policies to
3 dismantle systemic racism impacting health; including, but not limited to, the implementation of
4 a health equity audit of services provided by the Department of Public Health, increasing health
5 data transparency regarding race/ethnicity, and establishing programs focused on the prevention
6 and treatment of chronic diseases disproportionately impacting communities of color. The Office
7 of Health Equity shall submit an annual report to the Commissioner of the Department of Public
8 Health and the Legislature on the state of systemic racism impacting public health.