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*May 28, 2024*

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

I am filing for your consideration An Act to rename the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Executive Office of Aging and Independence.

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) was established more than 50 years ago and was one of the nation’s first agencies responsible for addressing the needs of older people. Today, the agency manages programs and services that are available to 1.7 million older adults and their family caregivers and supports an extensive aging services network. These programs and services provide supports to help people age in the community of their choice, most often in their home or other community-based setting.

The agency strives to be the trusted, first point of contact for older adults and their caregivers. However, research has shown the growing older population does not identify with the term “elder.” Modernizing the agency’s name reduces negative images about aging, normalizes aging as a natural process and emphasizes that older people value independence and self-determination.

This legislation changes the name of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to the Executive Office of Aging and Independence. In addition, the legislation replaces “elder,” “elderly person(s),” and “senior citizen(s)” with “older adult(s),” replaces references to “handicapped” and “disabled” with “adult with a disability,” and incorporates gender neutral language.

The new name will increase awareness of services for all older residents of the Commonwealth and confirm the agency's mission: "together, we support aging adults to live and thrive safely and independently – how and where they want."

For the reasons stated above, I urge your favorable consideration and prompt enactment of this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura T. Healey,  
*Governor*

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Senate, May 30, 2024 -- Message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to rename the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Executive Office of Aging and Independence

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to rename the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Executive Office of Aging and Independence.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to promote equity and increase opportunities for older adults by renaming the office and updating language used to more accurately reflect the values and core mission of the agency, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 69 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3 to 4, the words “elder affairs” and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

4           SECTION 2. Section 71 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
6 following words:- aging and independence.

7 SECTION 3. Section 17A of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
8 amended by striking out, in lines 3 to 4, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof  
9 the following words:- aging and independence.

10 SECTION 4. Section 127 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
11 amended by striking out, in line 10, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
12 following words:- aging and independence.

13 SECTION 5. Section 181 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
14 amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
15 following words:- aging and independence.

16 SECTION 6. Section 189 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
17 amended by striking out, in line 11, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
18 following words:- aging and independence.

19 SECTION 7. Section 217 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
20 amended by striking out, in line 18, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
21 following words:- aging and independence.

22 SECTION 8. Section 16 of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
23 amended by striking out, in lines 21, 22, and 44, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
24 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

25 SECTION 9. Section 16B of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
26 amended by striking out, in line 17, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
27 following words:- aging and independence.

28 SECTION 10. Section 16T of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
29 amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
30 following words:- aging and independence.

31 SECTION 11. Section 16CC of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
32 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 12 to 13, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
33 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

34 SECTION 12. Section 16DD of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
35 hereby amended by striking out, in line 27, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
36 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

37 SECTION 13. Section 18L of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
38 amended by striking out, in line 37, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
39 following words:- aging and independence.

40 SECTION 14. Section 73 of chapter 13 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
41 amended by striking out, in lines 4 to 5, the words “elder affairs or his” and inserting in place  
42 thereof the following words:- aging and independence or their.

43 SECTION 15. Section 3 of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
44 amended by striking out, in line 26, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
45 following words:- aging and independence.

46 SECTION 16. Section 17 of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
47 amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
48 following words:- aging and independence.

49 SECTION 17. Section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
50 amended by striking out, in lines 173, 176, 183 to 184, 185 to 186, 188, and 194, the words  
51 “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

52 SECTION 18. Section 10 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
53 amended by striking out, in line 20, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
54 following words:- aging and independence.

55 SECTION 19. Section 28 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
56 amended by striking out, in line 16, the words “elder affairs or his” and inserting in place thereof  
57 the following words:- aging and independence or their.

58 SECTION 20. Section 1 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
59 amended by striking out, in lines 1, 3, and 8, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
60 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

61 SECTION 21. Section 1 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
62 amended by striking out, in lines 11 and 12, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the  
63 following word:- their.

64 SECTION 22. Section 1 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
65 amended by striking out, in line 22, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place thereof the  
66 following words:- older adults.

67 SECTION 23. Section 2 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
68 amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
69 following words:- aging and independence.

70 SECTION 24. Section 2 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
71 amended by striking out, in lines 7, 8, and 11, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the  
72 following word:- their.

73 SECTION 25. Section 2 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
74 amended by striking out, in line 12, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following  
75 word:- the.

76 SECTION 26. Section 3 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
77 amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 7, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the  
78 following word:- the secretary.

79 SECTION 27. Section 3 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
80 amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “he may”.

81 SECTION 28. Section 3 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
82 amended by striking out, in line 18, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following  
83 word:- their.

84 SECTION 29. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
85 amended by striking out, in lines 4, 10, 14, 16, 63, 65 to 66, 69, 71, 78, 80 to 81, 85 to 86, 89, 93,  
86 and 106, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older  
87 adults.

88 SECTION 30. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
89 amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “the elderly” and inserting in place thereof the  
90 following words:- older adults.

91 SECTION 31. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
92 amended by striking out, in lines 8 to 9, the words “the adult handicapped” and inserting in place  
93 thereof the following words:- adults with disabilities.

94 SECTION 32. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
95 amended by striking out, in line 73, the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following  
96 word:- them.

97 SECTION 33. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
98 amended by striking out, in line 100, the word “elder” and inserting in place thereof the  
99 following words:- older adult.

100 SECTION 34. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
101 amended by striking out, in line 45, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following  
102 word:- this.

103 SECTION 35. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
104 amended by striking out, in line 104, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following  
105 word:- their.

106 SECTION 36. Section 4B of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
107 amended by striking out, in line 4 to 5, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place thereof  
108 the following words:- older adults.

109 SECTION 37. Section 4B of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
110 amended by striking out, in lines 11, 29, 31, 54, 55, 59, and 109, the words “elders” and inserting  
111 in place thereof the following words:- older adults.



112 SECTION 38. Section 4B of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
113 amended by striking out, in lines 64, each time it appears, and 70, the word “elder” and inserting  
114 in place thereof the following words:- older adult.

115 SECTION 39. Section 4C of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
116 amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
117 following words:- aging and independence.

118 SECTION 40. Section 4C of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
119 amended by striking out, in line 47, the words “the elderly” and inserting in place thereof the  
120 following words:- older adults.

121 SECTION 41. Section 5 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
122 amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following  
123 word:- they.

124 SECTION 42. Section 5 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
125 amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place thereof the  
126 following words:- older adults.

127 SECTION 43. Section 5 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
128 amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “the elderly” and inserting in place thereof the  
129 following words:- older adults.

130 SECTION 44. Section 5 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
131 amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “senior citizens” and inserting in place thereof the  
132 following words:- older adult.

133 SECTION 45. Section 7 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
134 amended by striking out, in line 4, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following  
135 word:- their.

136 SECTION 46. Section 9 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
137 amended by striking out, in line 3, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following  
138 words:- the secretary.

139 SECTION 47. Section 10 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
140 amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “he has” and inserting in place thereof the  
141 following words:- they have.

142 SECTION 48. Section 10 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
143 amended by striking out, in lines 5, 7, and 18, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the  
144 following word:- they.

145 SECTION 49. Section 10 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
146 amended by striking out, in lines 6, 8, 9, and 13, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the  
147 following word:- their.

148 SECTION 50. Section 10 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
149 amended by striking out, in line 16, the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following  
150 word:- them.

151 SECTION 51. Section 11 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
152 amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “the elderly” and inserting in place thereof the  
153 following words:- older adults.

154 SECTION 52. Section 12 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
155 amended by striking out, in line 8, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
156 following words:- aging and independence.

157 SECTION 53. Section 12 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
158 amended by striking out, in lines 9 to 10, the words “the elderly” and inserting in place thereof  
159 the following words:- older adults.

160 SECTION 54. Section 12 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
161 amended by striking out, in line 16, the words “he has” and inserting in place thereof the  
162 following words:- they have.

163 SECTION 55. Section 12 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
164 amended by striking out, in lines 17 and 34, the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the  
165 following words:- the secretary.

166 SECTION 56. Section 14 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
167 amended by striking out, in lines 5, 6, 6 to 7, 8, 14 to 15, 17, 22, 23, 27 to 28, 29, 32, 36 to 37, 40  
168 to 41, 43, and 47, the words “elderly person” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
169 older adult.

170 SECTION 57. Section 14 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
171 amended by striking out, in lines 50 to 51, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place  
172 thereof the following words:- older adults.

173 SECTION 58. Section 14 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
174 amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
175 following words:- aging and independence.

176 SECTION 59. Section 14 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
177 amended by striking out, in line 7, the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following  
178 word:- them.

179 SECTION 60. Section 15 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
180 amended by striking out, in lines 9 to 10, 21, 30, and 49, the words “elderly person” and  
181 inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adult.

182 SECTION 61. Section 16 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
183 amended by striking out, in line 2 to 3, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place thereof  
184 the following words:- older adults.

185 SECTION 62. Section 16 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
186 amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “the elderly” and inserting in place thereof the  
187 following words:- older adults.

188 SECTION 63. Section 16 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
189 amended by striking out, in line 7, the word “elderly” and inserting in place thereof the following  
190 words:- older adult.

191 SECTION 64. Section 16 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
192 amended by striking out, in lines 12 and 41, the words “elderly person” and inserting in place  
193 thereof the following words:- older adult.

194 SECTION 65. Section 16 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
195 amended by striking out, in lines 29 to 30, the words “elderly person’s” and inserting in place  
196 thereof the following words:- older adult’s.

197 SECTION 66. Section 16 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
198 amended by striking out, in line 34, the word “elders” and inserting in place thereof the  
199 following words:- older adults.

200 SECTION 67. Section 17 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
201 amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 7, the words “elderly person” and inserting in the place  
202 thereof the following words:- older adult.

203 SECTION 68. Section 17 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
204 amended by striking out, in lines 3 to 4, the words “his or her” and inserting in the place thereof  
205 the following word:- their.

206 SECTION 69. Section 18 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
207 amended by striking out, in lines 4 to 5, 8, 12 to 13, 16 to 17, and 23, the words “elderly person”  
208 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adult.

209 SECTION 70. Section 18 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
210 amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 14, the words “elderly person’s” and inserting in place  
211 thereof the words:- older adult’s.

212 SECTION 71. Section 18 of Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
213 amended by striking out, in line 39, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place thereof the  
214 words:- older adults.

215 SECTION 72. Section 19 of Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
216 amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 6, the words “elderly person” and inserting in place  
217 thereof the words:- older adult.

218 SECTION 73. Section 20 of Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
219 amended by striking out, in lines 2, 5, 10, 12, 14 to 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 27 to 28, 32, 39, 43, 48 to  
220 49, 50, 52, 53, 58, 60 to 61, 68, each time it appears, and 70, the words “elderly person” and  
221 inserting in place thereof the words:- older adult.

222 SECTION 74. Section 20 of Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
223 amended by striking out, in line 70, the words “his or her” and inserting in place thereof the  
224 word:- their.

225 SECTION 75. Section 21 of Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
226 amended by striking out, in lines 3 to 4, 7, and 20, the words “elderly person” and inserting in  
227 place thereof the words:- older adult.

228 SECTION 76. Section 21 of Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
229 amended by striking out, in line 20, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the word:- their.

230 SECTION 77. Section 21 of Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
231 amended by striking out, in line 23, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the word:- the.

232 SECTION 78. Section 22 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
233 amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place thereof the  
234 words:- older adults.

235 SECTION 79. Section 22 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
236 amended by striking out, in lines 5, 9, 10, 11 and 14, the words “elderly person” and inserting in  
237 place thereof the words:- older adult.

238 SECTION 80. Section 22 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
239 amended by striking out, in line 12, the words “he or she” and inserting in place thereof the  
240 word:- they.

241 SECTION 81. Section 37 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
242 amended by striking out, in lines 2, 6, 11, 50, and 61, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in  
243 place thereof the words:- aging and independence.

244 SECTION 82. Section 37 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
245 striking out, in line 3 to 4, 7, and 51, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place there of  
246 the words:- older adult.

247 SECTION 83. Section 37 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
248 amended by striking out, in lines 7 to 8, 10, 13 to 14, 19, 23, and 27 to 28, the words “the  
249 elderly” and inserting in place thereof the words:- older adults.

250 SECTION 84. Section 37 of chapter 19A of the General laws, as so appearing is hereby  
251 amended by striking out, in lines 61 and 62, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the  
252 word:- they.

253 SECTION 85. Section 38 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
254 amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
255 words:- aging and independence.

256 SECTION 86. Section 38 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
257 amended by striking out, in line 3, the word “elders” and inserting in place thereof the word:-  
258 everyone.

259 SECTION 87. Section 38 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
260 amended by striking out, in line 5, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the word:- their.

261 SECTION 88. Section 39 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
262 amended by striking out, in line 116, the words “his or her” and inserting in place thereof the  
263 word:- their.

264 SECTION 89. Section 39 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
265 amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 49, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
266 thereof the word:- aging and independence.

267 SECTION 90. Section 40 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
268 amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “elder affairs or his” and inserting in place thereof  
269 the words:- aging and independence or their.

270 SECTION 91. Section 40 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
271 amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “senior citizens” and inserting in place thereof the  
272 words:- older adults’.

273 SECTION 92. Section 40 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
274 amended by striking out, in line 47, the words “disabled enrollees” and inserting in place thereof  
275 the words:- enrollees with disabilities’.



276 SECTION 93. Section 40 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
277 amended by striking out, in lines 49 to 50, the words “disabled individuals” and inserting in  
278 place thereof the words:- individuals with disabilities.

279 SECTION 94. Section 42 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
280 amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
281 words:- aging and independence.

282 SECTION 95. Section 42 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
283 amended by striking, out in lines 55 and 56, the words “his or her” and inserting in place thereof  
284 the word:- their.

285 SECTION 96. Section 42 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
286 amended by striking out, in line 57, the words “he or she” and inserting in place thereof the  
287 word:- they.

288 SECTION 97. Section 43 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby  
289 amended by striking out, in line 5, “elders” and inserting in place thereof the words:- older  
290 adults.

291 SECTION 98. Section 1 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
292 amended by striking out, in line 25, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
293 following words:- aging and independence.

294 SECTION 99. Section 2 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
295 amended by striking out, in line 12, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following  
296 word:- their.

297 SECTION 100. Section 4 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
298 amended by striking out, in lines 64 to 65, the words “she or he” and inserting in place thereof  
299 the following words:- the individual.

300 SECTION 101. Section 9 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
301 amended by striking out, in lines 10, 24, 32, 34, each time it appears, 41, and 43, the word “his”  
302 and inserting in place thereof the following word:- their.

303 SECTION 102. Section 9 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
304 amended by striking out, in line 15, the words “her or his” and inserting in place thereof the  
305 following word:- their.

306 SECTION 103. Section 13 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
307 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 27, the word “elderly” and inserting in place  
308 thereof the following words:- older adult.

309 SECTION 104. Section 13 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
310 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 16, the words “his or her” and inserting in place  
311 thereof the following word:- their.

312 SECTION 105. Section 13 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
313 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 31 to 32, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
314 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

315 SECTION 106. Section 14 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
316 hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the words “the elderly and disabled” and inserting in  
317 place thereof the following words:- older adults and adults with a disability.

318 SECTION 107. Section 16 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
319 hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “handicapped accessibility” and inserting in  
320 place thereof the following words:- accessibility for adults with a disability.

321 SECTION 108. Section 16 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
322 hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
323 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

324 SECTION 109. Section 17 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
325 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3, 4, 6, and 10, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in  
326 place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

327 SECTION 110. Section 17 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
328 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 8, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the  
329 following word:- their.

330 SECTION 111. Section 13A of chapter 22 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
331 hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “elder affairs or his” and inserting in place  
332 thereof the following words:- aging and independence or their.

333 SECTION 112. Section 2MMMM of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
334 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7, 9 to 10, 11 to 12, 15, 26 to 27, and 36, the words  
335 “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

336 SECTION 113. Section 2FFFFF of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
337 hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof  
338 the following words:- aging and independence.

339 SECTION 114. Section 2AAAAAA of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
340 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8, 12, 15, and 34, the words “elder affairs” and  
341 inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

342 SECTION 115. Section 8B of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
343 amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 6, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof  
344 the following words:- aging and independence.

345 SECTION 116. Section 76 of chapter 93 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
346 amended by striking out, in lines 186, 201, 204, 210, 217, 232, and 235, the words “elder affairs”  
347 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

348 SECTION 117. Section 2 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
349 amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
350 following words:- aging and independence.

351 SECTION 118. Section 3 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
352 amended by striking out, in line 10, the words “elder affairs or his” and inserting in place thereof  
353 the following words:- aging and independence or their.

354 SECTION 119. Section 25B of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
355 hereby amended by striking out, in line 127, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
356 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

357 SECTION 120. Section 25C of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
358 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 140 and 187, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in  
359 place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

360 SECTION 121. Section 25C½ of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
361 hereby amended by striking out, in line 46, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
362 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

363 SECTION 122. Section 64M of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
364 hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “elder affairs or his” and inserting in place  
365 thereof the following words:- aging and independence or their.

366 SECTION 123. Section 71 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
367 amended by striking out, in line 245, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the  
368 following words:- aging and independence.

369 SECTION 124. Section 72N of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
370 hereby amended by striking out, in line 46, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
371 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

372 SECTION 125. Section 72W of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
373 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 10 to 11, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
374 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

375 SECTION 126. Section 224 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
376 hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof  
377 the following words:- aging and independence.

378 SECTION 127. Section 1 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
379 hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof  
380 the following words:- aging and independence.

381 SECTION 128. Section 2 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
382 hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof  
383 the following words:- aging and independence.

384 SECTION 129. Section 7 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
385 hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof  
386 the following words:- aging and independence.

387 SECTION 130. Section 8 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
388 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5, 6, and 10, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in  
389 place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

390 SECTION 131. Section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
391 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 53 and 54, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in  
392 place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

393 SECTION 132. Section 9D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
394 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4, 197, 206, 209, 242, 269, 283, 285, and 289, the words  
395 “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

396 SECTION 133. Section 9E of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
397 hereby amended by striking out, in line 19, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
398 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

399 SECTION 134. Section 38B of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
400 hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof  
401 the following words:- aging and independence.

402 SECTION 135. Section 39 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
403 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 84 to 85, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
404 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

405 SECTION 136. Section 40 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
406 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 22, 58, 69, 70, and 75, the words “elder affairs” and  
407 inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

408 SECTION 137. Section 7 of chapter 167Eh of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
409 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 78 and 84, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in  
410 place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

411 SECTION 138. Section 7A of chapter 167E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
412 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 18 and 22, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in  
413 place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

414 SECTION 139. Section 65C of chapter 171 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
415 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 80 to 81, and 86, the words “elder affairs” and inserting  
416 in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

417 SECTION 140. Section 65C½ of chapter 171 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
418 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 18 to 19, and 22, the words “elder affairs” and inserting  
419 in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

420 SECTION 141. Section 5-101 of chapter 190B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
421 hereby amended by striking out, in line 65, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place  
422 thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 142. This act shall take effect upon its passage.