

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1978

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Joanne M. Comerford*

*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 establishing gender-neutral bathrooms.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                      | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                        |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> |                  |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i>          | <i>3rd Hampshire</i>                     | <i>1/27/2023</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i>      | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i>                   | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>   | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>           | <i>2/9/2023</i>  |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i>          | <i>Cape and Islands</i>                  | <i>2/22/2023</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>   | <i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>  | <i>2/23/2023</i> |
| <i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>   | <i>5th Hampden</i>                       | <i>3/1/2023</i>  |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>  | <i>Second Middlesex</i>                  | <i>3/2/2023</i>  |
| <i>Robyn K. Kennedy</i>    | <i>First Worcester</i>                   | <i>4/3/2023</i>  |
| <i>Liz Miranda</i>         | <i>Second Suffolk</i>                    | <i>10/3/2023</i> |

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1978) of Joanne M. Comerford, Mindy Domb, Jason M. Lewis, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish gender-neutral bathrooms. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2026 OF 2021-2022.]

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\_\_\_\_\_  
In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)  
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An Act establishing gender-neutral bathrooms.

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

1           Chapter 142 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 13 the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 13A. The examiners shall promulgate or amend regulations to allow gender-  
4 neutral toilet and bathing facilities, including toilet and bathing facilities that contain more than 1  
5 toilet, urinal, or shower separated by privacy walls or partitions, with separate or grouped  
6 handwashing fixtures, to be designated or installed in any use group defined in the state building  
7 code, regardless of whether the work being performed is new construction or repair, renovation  
8 or alteration work.