

HOUSE No. 1763

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

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 relative to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1763) of Steven S. Howitt and Todd M. Smola relative to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1558 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism.

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 of Chapter 151B, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended
2 by adding the following new definition: “24. The term ‘Antisemitism’ shall have the same
3 meaning that is endorsed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, which shall
4 mean a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical
5 and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish
6 individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”