

HOUSE No. 1981

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lindsay N. Sabadosa

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 right to wear personal protective medical equipment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2025</i>
<i>Kate Donaghue</i>	<i>19th Worcester</i>	<i>12/3/2025</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/19/2025</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>7/2/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>

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By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1981) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others relative to discrimination for wearing necessary personal protective medical equipment. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to the right to wear personal protective medical equipment.

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 following, as used in this chapter, unless the text otherwise requires or
2 a different meaning is specifically required, shall mean—

3 ‘Protective medical equipment,’ equipment that is worn to minimize exposure to health
4 risks, which includes, but is not limited to, face masks, respirators, gloves, face shields,
5 protective eyewear, and gowns.

6 SECTION 2. (a) No individual shall be discriminated against or penalized for wearing
7 necessary personal protective medical equipment.

8 (b) Discrimination includes, but is not limited to, denial of service, eviction from
9 premises, termination of employment or undue pressure to refrain from wearing personal
10 protective medical equipment.

11 SECTION 3. The request to momentarily remove personal protective medical equipment
12 is acceptable at security checkpoints and at the request of law enforcement for identification
13 purposes.