

HOUSE No. 2596

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David F. DeCoste

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 further defining a hate crime.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>John E. Nelson, Mass Coalition of Police</i>	<i>P.O. Box 768 Millbury, Ma 01527</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Shauna O'Connell</i>		<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>James B. Kenneally, Boston Police Patrolmen's Association</i>	<i>295 Freeport St. Boston, MA</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>

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By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2596) of John E. Nelson, Mass Coalition of Police and others for legislation to further define hate crimes. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2315 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act further defining a hate crime.

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 32 of Chapter 22C is hereby amended by inserting after the words
- 2 “or intimidation” the following:-
- 3 “, or an attack on a police officer which results in serious injury or death”