

HOUSE No. 3355

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 prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3355) of Steven S. Howitt relative to the reasons for debarment from the consolidated list of contractors for public contracts. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3054 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations.

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. Clause (1) of subsection (c) of Section 29F of Chapter 29 of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 “or”, in line 82, the following:-

4 “(xi) a violation of any state or federal law prohibiting discrimination in public
5 accommodations; or”

6 SECTION 2. Clause (2) of subsection (c) of Section 29F of Chapter 29 of the General
7 Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking subclause (v), in
8 lines 97 to 100, and inserting in place there of the following:-

9 “(v) adopted policies against any sovereign nation or peoples recognized by the
10 government of the United States which are used to discriminate in violation of any state or
11 federal law prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations or employment; (vi) any other
12 cause affecting the responsibility of a contractor which the secretary or the commissioner
13 determines to be of such serious and compelling nature as to warrant debarment”