

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis and Hadley Luddy

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 LGBT and HIV-positive seniors in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Hadley Luddy</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 636 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to LGBT and HIV-positive seniors in the commonwealth.

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 19A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 44. For the purposes of administering the federal Older Americans Act of 1965
3 and subsequent amendments thereto, the term "greatest social need", as defined in 42 U.S.C.
4 3002(24), shall mean the need caused by non-economic factors that restrict an individual's ability
5 to perform normal daily tasks or that threaten the individual's capacity to live independently.
6 These factors shall include, but are not limited to, physical or mental disability, language barriers
7 and cultural or social isolation caused by, among other things, racial and ethnic status, sexual
8 orientation, gender identity or expression or HIV status.