

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 hate crimes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

SENATE No.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1121 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to hate crimes.

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 39 of Chapter 265 as appearing in the 2022 official edition is hereby
2 amended by striking in line 5 the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the following:-"ten"

3 Section 2. Said section 39 of chapter 265 as appearing in the 2022 official edition is
4 hereby amended by striking in line 6 the words "in a house of correction" and inserting in place
5 thereof the following:- "state prison"

6 Section 3. Said section 39 of chapter 265 as appearing in the 2022 official edition is
7 hereby amended by striking in line 7 the words:-"two and one-half years" and inserting in place
8 thereof the following:-"five"

9 Section 4. Said section 39 of chapter 265 as appearing in the 2022 official edition is
10 hereby amended by striking in line 19 the word:-"ten" and inserting in place thereof the
11 following:-"twenty"

12 Section 5. Said section 39 of chapter 265 as appearing in the 2022 official edition is
13 hereby amended by striking in line 20 the word:- "five" and inserting in place thereof the
14 following:-"ten"

15 Section 6. Said section 39 of chapter 265 as appearing in the 2022 official edition is
16 hereby amended by striking in line 31 the word:- "one" and inserting in place thereof the
17 following:-"two"