

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rebecca L. Rausch

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 to add sex and gender as protected classes for crime prosecutions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Rebecca L. Rausch

Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex

William N. Brownsberger

Suffolk and Middlesex

SENATE No.

[Pin Slip]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 914 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to add sex and gender as protected classes for crime prosecutions.

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 39 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended in subsection (a) by inserting in line 4, after the words “national origin” the
- 3 following words:- , sex, gender.