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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer E. Benson

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 addressing LGBT elder inclusion.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*
James B. Eldridge	
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Susan C. Fargo	
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex*
Patricia D. Jehlen	
William N. Brownsberger	
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 48) of Jennifer E. Benson and others for legislation improving access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders and caregivers. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *4461* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act addressing LGBT elder inclusion.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 official edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

Section 6A: The department shall focus on the prevention and elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, as well as on improving access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders and caregivers. To that end, the department shall work to ensure that a curriculum is developed that will support the training for the delivery of services. The department shall require that over a period of time such training be completed by all providers of services who contract with or receive funding from the department, from Aging Service Access Points and/or from the MassHealth Office of Long Term Care, or whose services are certified by the department.

11 The department shall develop a process and timeframe for completing such trainings by

12 those who deliver services.