

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara A. L'Italien

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act addressing LGBT elder inclusion.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 official edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following new section:
- 3 Section 6A: The department shall contract with appropriate individuals and community agencies to
4 develop a curriculum for the delivery of accessible and appropriate services to lesbian, gay, bisexual and
5 transgender elders and caregivers. Said curriculum shall focus on the prevention and elimination of
6 discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, as well as on improving
7 access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders. The department shall require that
8 such training be completed by all providers of services who contract with or receive funding from the
9 department, from Aging Service Access Points and/or from the MassHealth Office of Long Term Care, or
10 whose services are certified by the department.
- 11 The department shall subcontract with appropriate community agencies or programs to conduct said
12 training and shall promulgate regulations for its provision, including expected time frames for its
13 completion and any penalties that may apply to providers for failure to comply.