HOUSE No. 01099

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 relative to LGBT awareness training for aging services providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Jeffrey Sánchez	15th Suffolk
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Denise Andrews	2nd Franklin
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex

Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Richard J. Ross	Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Gale D. Candaras	First Hampden and Hampshire
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Sonia Chang-Diaz	Second Suffolk
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk

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By Ms. Elizabeth A. Malia of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01099) of Sean Garballey and others relative to Department of Elder Affairs prevention and elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.. Joint Committee on Elder Affairs.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to LGBT awareness training for aging services providers.

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 2008 official edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by adding the following new section:-
- 3 Section 6A: The department shall focus on the prevention and elimination of discrimination
- 4 based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, as well as on improving access to
- 5 services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders and caregivers. To that end, the
- 6 department shall work to ensure that a curriculum is developed that will support the training for
- 7 the delivery of services. The department shall require that over a period of time such training be
- 8 completed by all providers of services who contract with or receive funding from the department,
- 9 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 develop a process and timeframe for completing such trainings by those
12	who deliver services.