

HOUSE No. 1391

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David F. DeCoste

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 supporting universal signs on public bathrooms.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

David F. DeCoste

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Plymouth

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1391) of David F. DeCoste relative to universally understandable restroom signs for public accommodations. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3046 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act supporting universal signs on public bathrooms.

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

1 Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended inserting after section 92A the
2 following section:-

3 Section 92B. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
4 contrary, all public restrooms and places of public accommodation, as defined in section 92A,
5 shall have posted universally understandable restroom signs to ensure that a person with a
6 disability or limited language proficiency has full and equal access to such restrooms and places
7 of public accommodation. Whoever deprives any person of any right conferred by this section
8 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300, provided that additional fines may be charged
9 for each day the violation continues to exist after initial notice of such violation in an amount not
10 to exceed \$100 per each additional day.

- 11 The architectural access board, pursuant to section 13A of chapter 22, shall promulgate
- 12 regulations as necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section.