

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3369**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carmine L. Gentile*

*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 protecting information relating to the religious affiliation of an individual.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>

<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3369) of Carmine L. Gentile and others relative to the disclosure of personal religious affiliation information by the Commonwealth to federal agencies . State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act protecting information relating to the religious affiliation of an individual.

*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 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 5 the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 5A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no state agency  
4 shall provide or disclose to any federal agency or authority personal information regarding the  
5 religious affiliation of any individual that is requested for the purpose of compiling a database of  
6 individuals based solely on religious affiliation.