

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3719**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Daniel J. Hunt*

*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 regarding the use of offensive words.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Daniel J. Hunt*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*13th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3719) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to the use of offensive words. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act regarding the use of offensive words.

*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 53 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3           (c) A person who uses the word “bitch” directed at another person to accost, annoy,  
4 degrade or demean the other person shall be considered to be a disorderly person in violation of  
5 this section, and shall be subject to the penalties provided in subsections (a) and (b). A violation  
6 of this subsection may be reported by the person to whom the offensive language was directed at  
7 or by any witness to such incident.