

HOUSE No. 00982

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

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 to increase the Commonwealth's compliance with federal law meeting requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Susan C. Fargo</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Kennedy</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. James J. O'Day of West Boylston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00982) of Thomas Kennedy and others relative to job opportunities for people with disabilities. Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 1911 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to increase the Commonwealth's compliance with federal law meeting requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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. Section 61 of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding after subsection (q) the following paragraphs: -
- 3 The Executive Office of Administration and Finance shall develop standards to identify and
- 4 recruit with the intent to hire qualified applicants with disabilities; said standards shall apply to
- 5 all vendors providing direct services under multi-year contracts or grants funded by agencies
- 6 within the Executive Offices of the Commonwealth. Standards shall include a commitment to
- 7 hiring people with disabilities and training all employees involved in hiring decisions on the
- 8 requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

9 The Executive Office Administration and Finance shall report its findings, which shall include
10 the progress made toward achieving this employment goal by enumerating percentages of
11 people with disabilities employed by total head count and new hires at the beginning and end of
12 contract period, to the Clerk of the House of Representatives; the Clerk of the Senate; the Joint
13 Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities; and the Joint Committee on
14 Labor and Workforce Development no later than October 31, 2011, and thereafter, no later than
15 October 31 annually.