

SENATE No. 735

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sonia Chang-Diaz

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 relative to transgender anti-discrimination.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>

<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Aaron Michlewitz</i>	<i>3rd Suffolk</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Chang-Diaz, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 735) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Benjamin B. Downing, Michelle M. DuBois, Byron Rushing and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to equal access to public places regardless of gender identity. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 643 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to transgender anti-discrimination.

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 92A of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the
2 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “sex”, in line 9, the
3 following words:- , gender identity.

4 SECTION 2. Said section 92A of said chapter 272, as so appearing in the 2014 Official
5 Edition, is hereby further amended by inserting the following sentence at the end of the second
6 paragraph:-

7 Any public accommodation including without limitation any entity that offers the
8 provision of goods, services, or access to the public that lawfully segregates or separates access
9 to such public accommodation or other entity based on a person’s sex shall grant all persons

10 admission to and the full enjoyment of such public accommodation or other entity consistent
11 with the person's gender identity.

12 SECTION 3. Section 98 of said chapter 272, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is
13 hereby amended by inserting after the word "sex", in line 2, the following words:- , gender
14 identity.

15 SECTION 4. The term gender identity as used herein shall have the meaning as set forth
16 in clause 59, Section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
17 Edition.

18 SECTION 5. The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, established by
19 section 56 of chapter 6, is authorized to adopt, promulgate, amend, and rescind rules and
20 regulations or to formulate policies and make recommendations to effectuate the purposes of this
21 Act.