

HOUSE No. 1577

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Byron Rushing and Denise Provost

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 gender identity and nondiscrimination.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>

<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Aaron Michlewitz</i>	<i>3rd Suffolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>

<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>

HOUSE No. 1577

By Representatives Rushing of Boston and Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1577) of Byron Rushing and others relative to gender identity and access to public accommodations. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1589 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to gender identity and nondiscrimination.

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, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the word “sex”, in line 9, the following words:- , gender identity.

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

5 Any public accommodation including without limitation any entity that offers the
6 provision of goods, services, or access to the public that lawfully segregates or separates access
7 to such public accommodation or other entity based on a person’s sex shall grant all persons
8 admission to and the full enjoyment of such public accommodation or other entity consistent
9 with the person’s gender identity.

10 SECTION 3. Section 98 of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
11 inserting after the word “sex”, in line 2, the following words:- , gender identity.

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13 SECTION 4. The term gender identity as used herein shall have the meaning as set forth
14 in clause 59, Section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws.

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