

HOUSE No. 2509

By Mr. Finegold of Andover, petition of Barry R. Finegold and others for legislation to expand the definition of “hate crimes” to include assault and battery upon homeless persons. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Barry R. Finegold	Pamela P. Resor
Douglas W. Petersen	Jennifer L. Flanagan
Christopher G. Fallon	Stephen M. Brewer
Richard T. Moore	Karyn E. Polito
William Lantigua	Gloria L. Fox
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	Denise Provost
Cleon H. Turner	Demetrius J. Atsalis

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CERTAIN HATE CRIME.

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 39 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
- 3 word “orientation”, in line 4, the following words:— ,homeless
- 4 status.