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May 28, 2024

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

I am filing for your consideration *An Act to rename the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Executive Office of Aging and Independence.*

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) was established more than 50 years ago and was one of the nation's first agencies responsible for addressing the needs of older people. Today, the agency manages programs and services that are available to 1.7 million older adults and their family caregivers and supports an extensive aging services network. These programs and services provide supports to help people age in the community of their choice, most often in their home or other community-based setting.

The agency strives to be the trusted, first point of contact for older adults and their caregivers. However, research has shown the growing older population does not identify with the term "elder." Modernizing the agency's name reduces negative images about aging, normalizes aging as a natural process and emphasizes that older people value independence and self-determination.

This legislation changes the name of the *Executive Office of Elder Affairs*, to the *Executive Office of Aging and Independence*. In addition, the legislation replaces "elder," "elderly person(s)," and "senior citizen(s)" with "older adult(s)," replaces references to "handicapped" and "disabled" with "adult with a disability," and incorporates gender neutral language.

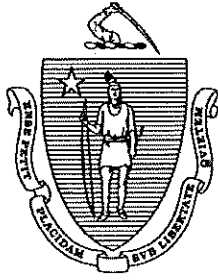
The new name will increase awareness of services for all older residents of the Commonwealth and confirm the agency's mission: *"together, we support aging adults to live and thrive safely and independently – how and where they want."*

For the reasons stated above, I urge your favorable consideration and prompt enactment of this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maura T. Healey
Governor



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IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR

AN ACT RENAMING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF AGING AND INDEPENDENCE.

Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which is to promote equity and increase opportunities for older adults by renaming the office and updating language used to more accurately reflect the values and core mission of the agency, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 69 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3 to 4, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 2. Section 71 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

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SECTION 4. Section 127 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 5. Section 181 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

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SECTION 14. Section 73 of chapter 13 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 to 5, the words “elder affairs or his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence or their.

SECTION 15. Section 3 of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 26, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 16. Section 17 of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 17. Section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 173, 176, 183 to 184, 185 to 186, 188, and 194, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

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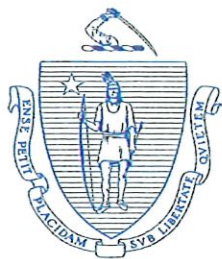
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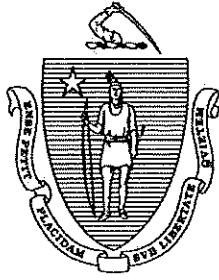
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SECTION 30. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “the elderly” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adults.

SECTION 31. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8 to 9, the words “the adult handicapped” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- adults with disabilities.

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SECTION 34. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 45, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- this.

SECTION 35. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 104, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- their.

SECTION 36. Section 4B of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4 to 5, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adults.

SECTION 37. Section 4B of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 11, 29, 31, 54, 55, 59, and 109, the words “elders” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adults.

SECTION 38. Section 4B of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 64, each time it appears, and 70, the word “elder” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adult.

SECTION 39. Section 4C of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 40. Section 4C of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 47, the words “the elderly” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adults.

SECTION 41. Section 5 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- they.

SECTION 42. Section 5 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “elderly persons” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adults.

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SECTION 44. Section 5 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “senior citizens” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adult.

SECTION 45. Section 7 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- their.

SECTION 46. Section 9 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the secretary.

SECTION 47. Section 10 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “he has” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- they have.

SECTION 48. Section 10 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5, 7, and 18, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- they.

SECTION 49. Section 10 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6, 8, 9, and 13, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- their.

SECTION 50. Section 10 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- them.

SECTION 51. Section 11 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words "the elderly" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adults.

SECTION 52. Section 12 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the words "elder affairs" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 53. Section 12 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 9 to 10, the words "the elderly" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adults.

SECTION 54. Section 12 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the words "he has" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- they have.

SECTION 55. Section 12 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 17 and 34, the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the secretary.

SECTION 56. Section 14 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5, 6, 6 to 7, 8, 14 to 15, 17, 22, 23, 27 to 28, 29, 32, 36 to 37, 40 to 41, 43, and 47, the words "elderly person" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adult.

SECTION 57. Section 14 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 50 to 51, the words "elderly persons" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adults.

SECTION 58. Section 14 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words "elder affairs" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 59. Section 14 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- them.

SECTION 60. Section 15 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 9 to 10, 21, 30, and 49, the words "elderly person" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adult.

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SECTION 95. Section 42 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 55 and 56, the words “his or her” and inserting in place thereof the word:- their.

SECTION 96. Section 42 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby amended by striking out, in line 57, the words “he or she” and inserting in place thereof the word:- they.

SECTION 97. Section 43 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, “elders” and inserting in place thereof the words:- older adults.

SECTION 98. Section 1 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 25, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 99. Section 2 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- their.

SECTION 100. Section 4 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 64 to 65, the words “she or he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the individual.

SECTION 101. Section 9 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 10, 24, 32, 34, each time it appears, 41, and 43, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- their.

SECTION 102. Section 9 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the words “her or his” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- their.

SECTION 103. Section 13 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 27, the word “elderly” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adult.

SECTION 104. Section 13 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 16, the words “his or her” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- their.

SECTION 105. Section 13 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 31 to 32, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 106. Section 14 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the words “the elderly and disabled” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- older adults and adults with a disability.

SECTION 107. Section 16 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “handicapped accessibility” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- accessibility for adults with a disability.

SECTION 108. Section 16 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 109. Section 17 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3, 4, 6, and 10, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 110. Section 17 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 8, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- their.

SECTION 111. Section 13A of chapter 22 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “elder affairs or his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence or their.

SECTION 112. Section 2MMMM of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7, 9 to 10, 11 to 12, 15, 26 to 27, and 36, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 113. Section 2FFFFF of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 114. Section 2AAAAAA of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8, 12, 15, and 34, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 115. Section 8B of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 6, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 116. Section 76 of chapter 93 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 186, 201, 204, 210, 217, 232, and 235, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 117. Section 2 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 118. Section 3 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the words “elder affairs or his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence or their.

SECTION 119. Section 25B of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 127, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 120. Section 25C of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 140 and 187, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 121. Section 25C½ of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 46, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 122. Section 64M of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “elder affairs or his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence or their.

SECTION 123. Section 71 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 245, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 124. Section 72N of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 46, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 125. Section 72W of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 10 to 11, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 126. Section 224 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 127. Section 1 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 128. Section 2 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 129. Section 7 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 130. Section 8 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5, 6, and 10, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 131. Section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 53 and 54, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 132. Section 9D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4, 197, 206, 209, 242, 269, 283, 285, and 289, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 133. Section 9E of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 19, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 134. Section 38B of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 135. Section 39 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 84 to 85, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 136. Section 40 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 22, 58, 69, 70, and 75, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 137. Section 7 of chapter 167Eh of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 78 and 84, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 138. Section 7A of chapter 167E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 18 and 22, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 139. Section 65C of chapter 171 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 80 to 81, and 86, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 140. Section 65C½ of chapter 171 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 18 to 19, and 22, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 141. Section 5-101 of chapter 190B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 65, the words “elder affairs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- aging and independence.

SECTION 142. This act shall take effect upon its passage.