

SENATE No. 1217

By Mr. Owens, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1217) of Bill Owens, Jack H. Backman, Sharon M. Pollard and Allan R. McKinnon for legislation to define the right to work on an equal basis in public employment. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one.

AN ACT DEFINING THE RIGHT TO WORK ON AN EQUAL BASIS IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

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

1 Chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 7 the following: —

3 “It shall be the right of all citizens to work on an equal
4 basis in public employment, and it shall be an unlawful prac-
5 tice, because of sexual preference of any individual, to refuse
6 to hire or employ or to bar or discharge from employment
7 such individual or to discriminate against such individual in
8 compensation or in terms, conditions or privileges of employ-
9 ment, unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification.”

