

HOUSE No. 3867

By Mr. Kostanski of Montague, petition of Walter T. Kostanski and others for legislation to amend the law relative to unlawful discrimination against race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, age or ancestry. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATIVE TO UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST RACE, COLOR, RELIGIOUS CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE OR ANCESTRY.

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 9 of chapter 151B of the General Laws as most
2 recently amended is hereby amended by striking out said
3 section and inserting in place thereof the following new
4 section:—

5 *Section 9.* The provisions of this chapter shall be construed
6 liberally for the accomplishment of the purposes thereof, and
7 any law inconsistent with any provision hereof shall not
8 apply, but nothing contained in this chapter shall be deemed
9 to repeal section ninety-eight of chapter two hundred and
10 seventy-two or any other law of this commonwealth relating
11 to discrimination because of race, color, religious creed,
12 national origin, or ancestry, and nothing contained in this
13 chapter shall be deemed to repeal sections twenty-four A to
14 twenty-four J, inclusive of chapter one hundred and forty-
15 nine or any other law of the commonwealth relating to
16 discrimination because of age; but, as to acts declared
17 unlawful by section four, the procedure provided in this
18 chapter shall, while pending, be exclusive; and the final
19 determination therein shall exclude any other action, civil or

20 criminal, based on the same grievance of the individual
 21 concerned. If such individual institutes any action in any
 22 court or agency of state government of the commonwealth
 23 based on such grievance without resorting to the procedure
 24 provided in this chapter, he may not subsequently resort to
 25 the procedure herein.