

HOUSE No. 645

By Mr. Nagle of Northampton, petition of William P. Nagle, Jr., relative to discrimination in public employment on the basis of sexual preference. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 inserting
2 the following after section 7: —

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

