

By Mr. Cohen of Newton, petition of David B. Cohen and others for legislation to protect universal human rights. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT TO PROTECT UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS.

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 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1992
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after Chapter 93,
3 section 102 (d) the following new paragraphs: —

4 e. In addition to all other rights and remedies under the laws of
5 the commonwealth, every person shall have the full equal benefit
6 to enjoyment of the human rights set forth in the provisions of the
7 Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General
8 Assembly of the United Nations on the tenth day of December, in
9 the year nineteen hundred and forty-eight by a vote of forty-eight
10 to none.

11 f. The executive offices and all agencies within them shall carry
12 out all other provisions of the laws of the commonwealth and
13 shall also carry out the provisions of the Universal Declaration of
14 Human Rights.

15 g. In addition to any other remedy under the laws of the com-
16 monwealth, a person whose rights under the provisions of subsec-
17 tion (e) or (f) have been violated may commence a civil action for
18 injunctive and other appropriate equitable relief, including the
19 award of compensatory and exemplary damages. Said civil action
20 shall be instituted either in the superior court for the county in
21 which the conduct complained of occurred, or in the superior
22 court for the county in which the person whose conduct com-
23 plained of resides or has his principal place of business.

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and the Honorable [Name], Ranking Member

of the Committee on Education and the Arts

of the Massachusetts House of Representatives