

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1907**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven Ultrino and Chynah Tyler*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act prohibiting discrimination based on natural hairstyles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/22/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/22/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/23/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/27/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>

<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/15/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>4/13/2021</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/11/2021</i>
<i>Meghan Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>5/13/2021</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>5/18/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>5/26/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>7/6/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/27/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/27/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>7/29/2021</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/29/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/29/2021</i>

<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/29/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>8/2/2021</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/4/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>9/2/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>11/23/2021</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2022</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1907**

By Representatives Ultrino of Malden and Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1907) of Steven Ultrino, Chynah Tyler and others relative to prohibiting discrimination based on natural hairstyles. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4930 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act prohibiting discrimination based on natural hairstyles.

*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 1. Section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by  
2 section 3 of chapter 124 of the acts of 2020, is hereby further amended by adding the following  
3 clause:-

4 Sixty-second, “Natural hairstyle”, shall mean hair texture, hair type and protective  
5 hairstyles, which shall include, but not be limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks,  
6 twists and other formations.

7 SECTION 2. Section 32 of chapter 22C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “racial”, in line 12, the following  
9 words:- , natural hairstyle.

10 SECTION 3. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
11 section 1C, as so appearing, the following section:-

12 Section 1D. No school district, school committee, public school or nonsectarian school  
13 shall adopt or implement a policy or code that impairs or prohibits natural hairstyles.

14 The department of elementary and secondary education shall provide written guidance  
15 for the administration of this section.

16 SECTION 4. Section 37O of said chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
17 inserting after the word “color”, in line 137, the following words:- , natural hairstyle.

18 SECTION 5. Section 89 of said chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
19 inserting after the word “color”, in lines 98 and 348, in each instance, the following words:- ,  
20 natural hairstyle.

21 SECTION 6. Section 5 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
22 amended by inserting after the word “color”, in line 11, the following words:-, natural hairstyle.

23 SECTION 7. Section 12B of said chapter 76, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
24 inserting after the word “color”, in line 195, the following words:- , natural hairstyle.

25 SECTION 8. Section 3 of chapter 151B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
26 amended by inserting after the word “color”, in lines 17 and 63, in each instance, the following  
27 words:- , natural hairstyle.

28 SECTION 9. Section 4 of said chapter 151B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
29 inserting after the word “color”, in lines 3, 186, 201, 209, 220, 229, 263, 291, 298, 308, 358, 366,

30 376, 477, 487, 492, 499, 633, 643, 821 and 830, in each instance, the following words:- , natural  
31 hairstyle.

32 SECTION 10. Section 39 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
33 amended by inserting after the word “color”, in line 3, the following words:- , natural hairstyle.

34 SECTION 11. Section 92A of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
35 hereby amended by inserting after the word “color”, in line 9, the following words:- , natural  
36 hairstyle.

37 SECTION 12. Section 98 of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
38 inserting after the word “color”, in line 2, the following words:- , natural hairstyle.

39 SECTION 13. The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination shall adopt,  
40 promulgate, amend and rescind rules and regulations or formulate policies and make  
41 recommendations to effectuate the purposes of sections 4 to 9.