



## Gender Neutral Bills in Joint Committee on Financial Services Contact the Committee Members in Your District Today

The Joint Committee on Financial Services is considering five bills that relate to gender-neutral policies in insurance products and premiums. The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts supports Gender Equity in Insurance Policies in Massachusetts. With the momentum of the big win with the annuity bill in 2008, it is important to move on to the next piece of this 30-year project.

Please read the list of bills below and ask your members to contact your state Senator or Representative to support H3447 and to oppose H1059, H1060, H889, and S509.

### Please Support:

**H3447**- An Act Providing for Equitable Coverage in Disability Policies - passage of the this bill will require that disability policies sold to MA residents must be gender-neutral in all terms and conditions of the contract, including premiums and benefits. Click on the links below for more information.

[Read the Position Paper](#) | [Read the Legislative Research](#)

### Please Oppose:

**H1059 and H1060**, if passed, would repeal the League-sponsored gender-neutral annuity bill passed last session.

**H889 and S509** would allow Savings Bank Life Insurance (SBLI) to sell gender-based products after 100 years of selling gender-neutral products. These bills passed in the last session, but then were vetoed by the Governor.

Thank you for contacting your state Legislator with a quick phone call and email on behalf of your district and the League of Women Voters. Below is a list of state Senators and Representatives for you to share with your members.

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**League Postion:**

**LWVUS** - Supports action to bring laws into compliance with the ERA: to eliminate or amend those laws that have the effect of discriminating on the basis of sex...

**LWVMA**- Supports ratification of ERA and efforts to bring laws into compliance with goals of the ERA.

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