

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1880**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alyson M. Sullivan*

*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 relative to parental visitation and custody for children of rape victims.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>

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By Ms. Sullivan of Abington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1880) of Alyson M. Sullivan and others relative to parental visitation and custody for children of rape victims. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to parental visitation and custody for children of rape victims.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1            Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter 209C of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following sentence:-

4            No court shall make an order providing visitation rights to a parent who was convicted of  
5 rape, under sections 22 to 23B, inclusive, of chapter 265 or sections 2, 3, 4 or 17 of chapter 272,  
6 and is seeking to obtain visitation with the child who was conceived during the commission of  
7 that rape, unless a visitation or custody action is filed or initiated by the child conceived of that  
8 rape who: (i) has then reached the age of 18 or (ii) is adjudicated as emancipated from the other  
9 parent of the child.