

HOUSE No. 3295

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Hogan

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the abduction of children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3295) of Kate Hogan and others relative to the abduction of children. The Judiciary.

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An Act relative to the abduction of children.

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 209B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 15. No court in the commonwealth shall allow the visitation of a child to a
4 country that is not a signatory of the Hague Convention in the Civil Aspects of International
5 Child Abduction, without the consent of both parents or persons acting as a parent defined by
6 section 1. This section shall only apply when Massachusetts has jurisdiction of a child pursuant
7 to section 2.

8 A parent or acting parent who does not obtain and provide to the court the consent of the
9 other parent or acting parent of the child prior to removing the child from the United States shall
10 be subject to penalties promulgated by section 26A of chapter 265.