

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4709**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Lindsay N. Sabadosa***

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*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 adoptions.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>5/14/2024</i>

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By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to adoptions outside of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to adoptions.

*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 2 of chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the fourth paragraph, in lines 47 to 49, inclusive, and inserting  
3 in place thereof the following paragraph:-

4           "Any surrender given outside of the commonwealth shall be valid for the purpose of this  
5 section if it was taken in accordance with the laws of the commonwealth or the laws of the place  
6 where it was executed."