

SENATE No. 1481

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

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 to reduce the costs for adoption.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i> | <i>18th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> |

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1481) of Ryan C. Fattman, Joseph D. McKenna, Richard J. Ross and Kevin J. Kuros for legislation to reduce the costs for adoption. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2556 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act to reduce the costs for adoption.

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 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new subsection:

3 (q) There is hereby established a credit for licensed Massachusetts attorneys who provide
4 pro bono legal services in at least one adoption per year. Each adoption case shall entitle said
5 attorney to a \$500 credit and shall be limited to no more than \$2500 in each tax year.