

HOUSE No. 1355

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 bill:

An Act clarifying the removal statute .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Colleen M. Garry

36th Middlesex

James J. Dwyer

30th Middlesex

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By Ms. Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1355) of Colleen M. Garry and James J. Dwyer for legislation to allow for the removal of children only if the removal results in a direct benefit to the child . The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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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 1. Section 30 of chapter 208 of the General Laws, as appearing in the most
2 recent edition, is hereby further amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new
3 paragraph:-

4 The removal shall be ordered only if the Court finds that the removal results in a direct benefit
5 to the child which outweighs any detriment to the child, including but not limited to, that
6 resulting from the loss of frequent and regular visitation with the non-custodial parent.

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