

HOUSE No. 1396

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 expanding protections against incest.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Bradford R. Hill</i> | <i>4th Essex</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> |
| <i>F. Jay Barrows</i> | <i>1st Bristol</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> |
| <i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i> | <i>3rd Hampden</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Keiko M. Orrall</i> | <i>12th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> |

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1396) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the crime of incest. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1396 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act expanding protections against incest.

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 17 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “consanguinity”, in line 1, the
3 following words:— , affinity or adoption.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.