

HOUSE No. 145

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dennis A. Rosa

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 to establish the changing of determination standard for the Department of Children and Families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Rosa of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 145) of Dennis A. Rosa, Stephen L. DiNatale and James J. Dwyer relative to the criteria for the removal of children by the Department of Children and Families. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

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 , NO. 3263 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to establish the changing of determination standard for the Department of Children and Families.

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 51B of chapter 119 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the words “reasonable cause to believe”, in lines 20, lines 22
3 and 23, line 33, lines 39 and 40, line 50, lines 88 and 89 and in line 93, and inserting in place
4 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- no reasonable doubt.