

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1504**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Murphy*

*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 persons authorized to officiate marriage ceremonies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James M. Murphy*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1504) of James M. Murphy relative to persons authorized to officiate marriage ceremonies. The Judiciary.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to persons authorized to officiate marriage ceremonies.

*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 38 of Chapter 207 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “faith”, in line 6, the following  
3 words:- ; any sitting justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court, Appeals Court or Supreme Judicial  
4 Court;