

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1666**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kevin G. Honan***

*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 appellate rights for forensic justice.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Mr. Honan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1666) of Kevin G. Honan relative to appellate rights for forensic justice. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to appellate rights for forensic justice.

*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 1 of chapter 278A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “replicate analysis”, the  
3 following definition:-

4           “Third party”, a person who is subject to an order under this chapter compelling the  
5 production of biological material for analysis.

6           SECTION 2. Section 18 of said chapter 278A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
7 striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

8           If the third party subject to the order, the moving party, or the commonwealth appeals an  
9 order allowing or denying a motion for forensic or scientific analysis, the party shall file a notice  
10 of appeal with the court within 30 days after the entry of the judgment.