

HOUSE No. 1708

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Byron Rushing

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 protect Massachusetts families through equal access to civil marriage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Stanley C. Rosenberg	Hampshire and Franklin
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex

Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1710 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROTECT MASSACHUSETTS FAMILIES THROUGH EQUAL ACCESS TO CIVIL MARRIAGE

*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. Chapter 207 is hereby amended by adding the
- 2 following new section:—
- 3 Section 37A. Any person who otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of this chapter may marry any
- 4 other eligible person regardless of gender.