

HOUSE No. 2284

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tommy Vitolo

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 respecting autonomy in name choice for newly married partners.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2284) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to the adoption of names upon marriage. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act respecting autonomy in name choice for newly married partners.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 1D and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 1D . Each party to a marriage may adopt any surname, for example the present
4 or birth-given surname of either party, a previously-used birth-given surname, or any hyphenated
5 combination. Each party to a marriage may also adopt any first name, middle name or any other
6 name.