HOUSE . . . . No. 02285

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Daniel Winslow

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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 conform the General Laws to the Goodridge decision for the protection of children.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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An Act to conform the General Laws to the Goodridge decision for the protection of children.

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 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official

2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "child's", the following word:- birth.

3 SECTION 2. Said chapter 46 is hereby further amended by striking out section 4B, as so

4 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

5 4B. Any child born to a married person as a result of artificial insemination or surrogate birth

6 with the consent of his or her spouse shall be considered the legitimate child of the married

7 persons.

8 SECTION 3. Section 16 of said chapter 46, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after

9 the first sentence, the following sentence:-

10   Any form, worksheet, or other method of data collection that the state registrar prepares and

11   furnishes to document the facts of a birth shall include the word "parent" to delineate the place

12   on the form, worksheet, or other method of data collection where the child's parents are to be

13   named.