

HOUSE No. 3108

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan Meschino

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 to ensure fairness in care and protection proceedings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>

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By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3108) of Joan Meschino, Bud Williams and Natalie Higgins for legislation to ensure fairness in care and protection proceedings. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1438 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to ensure fairness in care and protection proceedings.

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 26 (a) of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new
3 sentence:-

4 Any judge who presided at hearings under sections 24 or 25 shall not preside at the
5 hearing on the merits under this section.