

HOUSE No. 00479

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth Poirier

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 providing visitation rights for great grandparents

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Elizabeth Poirier of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00479) of George Ross and others for legislation to provide visitation rights for great grandparents.. Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 4202 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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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 23 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “grandparents” in lines 34, 40, 44 and 45,
3 in each instance, the words:- and great grandparents.

4 SECTION 2. Section 26 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting
5 after the word “grandparents” in lines 92, 98, 101 and 102, in each instance, the words:- and
6 great grandparents.

7 SECTION 3. Section 39D of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting
8 after the word “grandparents”, in lines 17 and 19, in each instance, the words:- and great
9 grandparents.