

SENATE No. 1527

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

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 reduce the costs for adoption.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1527) of Ryan C. Fattman, Joseph D. McKenna and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation to reduce the costs for adoption. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1481 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act to reduce the costs for adoption.

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 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (v) There is hereby established a credit for licensed Massachusetts attorneys who provide
4 pro bono legal services in at least one adoption per year. Each adoption case shall entitle said
5 attorney to a \$500 credit and shall be limited to no more than \$2,500 in each tax year.