SENATE . . . . No. 38

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Michael R. Knapik

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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 further regulating the release of information concerning adoption.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael R. Knapik	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 38) of Michael R. Knapik, Bruce E. Tarr, Robert L. Hedlund and Richard J. Ross for legislation to further regulate the release of information concerning adoption. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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☐   , NO. *52* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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An Act further regulating the release of information concerning 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   Paragraph (b) of section 5D of chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following 2
3 sentences:- If all biological parents of the adopted person are deceased, a sibling of the adopted
4 person, including a half sibling or stepsibling, who is 18 years of age or older, may request in
5 writing a release of the identity after adoption of the adopted person. The placement agency shall
6 release the identity after adoption of the adopted person to the sibling making the request
7 provided that the agency has received written permission from the adopted person or written
8 permission from the adoptive parents if the adoptive person is under the age of 21.