

SENATE No. 00052

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael R. Knapik

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..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Knapik, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 52) of Tarr, Coakley-Rivera and Knapik for legislation to further regulate the release of information concerning adoption [Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ SENATE
□ , NO. 50 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 Subsection (b) of section 5D of chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:- If the biological
3 parent of the adopted person is deceased, a person 18 years of age or older who is a sibling of the
4 adopted person may request in writing a release of the identity after adoption of the adopted
5 person and the placement agency shall release the identity after adoption of the adopted person to
6 the sibling; provided, however, that the agency has received written permission from the adopted
7 person, or written permission from the adoptive parents if the adoptive person is under the age of
8 21.