

SENATE No. 00906

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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 relative to humanist marriage officiants..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven A. Tolman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tolman, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 906) of Tolman for legislation relative to humanist marriage officiants [Joint Committee on the Judiciary].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ SENATE
□ , NO. 1840 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to humanist marriage officiants..

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. Chapter 207, Section 38 of the 2004 Official Edition of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended in line 19 by inserting after the first semicolon the following:- A Humanist
3 Celebrant, Humanist Chaplain, Humanist Minister, or other person permitted to perform
4 marriages by the American Humanist Association, if such Celebrant, Chaplain, Minister, or other
5 person is recognized by the Humanist Association of Massachusetts as being duly certified by,
6 and in good standing with, the American Humanist Association and;

7 Chapter 207, Section 39 of the 2004 Official Edition of the General Laws is hereby
8 amended in line 21 by inserting after the semicolon the following:- A Humanist Celebrant,
9 Humanist Chaplain, Humanist Minister, or other person permitted to perform marriages by the

10 American Humanist Association, if such Celebrant, Chaplain, Minister, or other person is duly
11 certified by, in good standing with, the American Humanist Association and;