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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Eugene L. O'Flaherty**

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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 relative to the removal statute.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Eugene L. O'Flaherty | 2nd Suffolk |

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the removal statute.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1.  Chapter 208 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 30 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

                Section 30.  A minor child of divorcing or divorced parents who is a resident over whose custody and maintenance a probate court has jurisdiction shall not, be removed our of this commonwealth without the consent of both parents, unless the court upon cause shown otherwise orders.  The court, upon application of any person in behalf of such child, may require security and issue writs and processes to affect the purposes of this and the three preceding sections.