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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Jeffrey Davis Perry**

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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 DNA requirements for adoption.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to DNA requirements 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:*

 SECTION 1. Chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 3B, the following section: --

Section 3C. **DNA Requirements**: A blood relative petitioner requesting return custody of child of custodial age who is legally adopted by a non-biological petitioner, in conforming to all requirements of chapter 210, shall provide evidence of his or her biological connection to the child in the form of a DNA test. The court shall require such test to be at the expense of the petitioner in question.

SECTION 2. This Act shall be known as the Sarah Joy Act.