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PRESENTED BY:

**Byron Rushing**

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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 Reform of Archaic Laws Implicating Certain Private Consensual Intimate Conduct Between Adults.

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PETITION OF:

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| Byron Rushing | 9th Suffolk |
| Gary Duffin | Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus |

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Relative to the Reform of Archaic Laws Implicating Certain Private Consensual Intimate Conduct Between Adults.

*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. Section 34 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 to 2, the words “commits the abominable and detestable crime against nature, either with mankind or” and inserting in place thereof the words:-- engages in sexual relations.

SECTION 2. Section 35 of chapter 272 is hereby repealed.