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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Creem**

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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 rights of children adopted by unmarried persons.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Ms. Creem | First Middlesex and Norfolk |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00893 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the rights of children adopted by unmarried persons.

 *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 6E, the following section:-

Section 6F. After an adjudication of adoption, in the event that the adoptive parents are not married to each other, in any dispute as may arise as to custody, visitation, support, education, maintenance and health insurance, the adoptive parent may seek relief under sections nine, ten, eleven, eighteen, nineteen and twenty of chapter two hundred and nine C provided however that the provisions of paragraph B of section 10 of chapter two hundred and nine C shall not apply to this section.