

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Koutoujian

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 marriage for minors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Peter J. Koutoujian

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

10th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2171 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MARRIAGE FOR MINORS.

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. Section 25 of chapter 207 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the
3 following sentence:-
- 4 The probate court for the county where, or a district court within the judicial district of which, a
5 minor under the age of 18 but not less than the age of 16 resides may, after hearing, make an
6 order allowing the marriage of such minor, if the parents, or surviving parent of such minor, or,
7 if only one such parent resides in the Commonwealth, that parent or, if neither such parent is
8 alive and resident thereof or if the parent or parents qualified as aforesaid to consent are
9 disqualified as hereinafter provided, a legal guardian with custody of the person of such minor
10 has consented to such order.