

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Davis Perry

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jeffrey Davis Perry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Barnstable

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1677 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is

2 hereby amended by inserting after section 3B, the following section: --

3 Section 3C. **DNA Requirements:** A blood relative petitioner requesting return custody of child of

4 custodial age who is legally adopted by a non-biological petitioner, in conforming to all requirements of

5 chapter 210, shall provide evidence of his or her biological connection to the child in the form of a DNA

6 test. The court shall require such test to be at the expense of the petitioner in question.

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