

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

**Elizabeth Poirier**

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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 expanding protections against the crime of incest.

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PETITION OF:

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| NAME:             | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol      |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1685 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 EXPANDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST THE CRIME OF INCEST.

*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 17 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “consanguinity”, in line 1, the following words:—
- 3 affinity or adoption.
- 4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.