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### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### PRESENTED BY:

#### **Byron Rushing**

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.

#### PETITION OF:

| NAME:         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                       |
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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

## 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:

| 1 | SECTION 1. Section 34 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended             |
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| 2 | by striking out, in lines 1 to 2, the words "commits the abominable and detestable crime against nature, |
| 3 | either with mankind or" and inserting in place thereof the words: engages in sexual relations.           |
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4 SECTION 2. Section 35 of chapter 272 is hereby repealed.