

HOUSE No.

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 to protect Massachusetts families through equal access to civil marriage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1710 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT TO PROTECT MASSACHUSETTS FAMILIES THROUGH EQUAL ACCESS TO CIVIL
MARRIAGE**

*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 207 is hereby amended by adding the
- 2 following new section:—
- 3 Section 37A. Any person who otherwise meets the eligibility
- 4 requirements of this chapter may marry any other eligible person
- 5 regardless of gender.
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