

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Cynthia Stone Creem**

*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 promote the permanent of children with fit parents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia Stone Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00864 OF 2007-2008.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PERMANENT OF CHILDREN WITH FIT PARENTS.

*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 3 of chapter 209C, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by striking paragraph (c) and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 paragraph:-

4           (c) The juvenile court department shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the probate and  
5 family court under this chapter under this chapter, provided that actions brought under this  
6 chapter are joined or consolidated with actions brought under section twenty-four of chapter one  
7 hundred and nineteen and, provided further, that the action under section twenty-four of chapter  
8 one hundred and nineteen is initiated before the filing of a complaint under this chapter.