

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Knapik

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 further regulating the release of information concerning adoption.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Mr. Knapik

Second Hampden and Hampshire

Todd M. Smola

1st Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00087 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING
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. Subsection (b) of section 5D of chapter 210 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 If the biological parent of the adopted person is deceased, a person 18 years of age or
4 older who is a sibling of the adopted person may request in writing a release of the identity after
5 adoption of the adopted person and the placement agency shall release the identity after adoption
6 of the adopted person to the sibling; provided, however, that the agency has received written
7 permission from the adopted person, or written permission from the adoptive parents if the
8 adoptive person is under the age of 21.

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