

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 149**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Kay Khan**

*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 providing for the protection and care of certain children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
David B. Sullivan	6th Bristol
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 104 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION AND CARE OF CERTAIN CHILDREN.

*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 23A of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “child”, in line 11, the following words: --  
3 ; provided, however, that every effort shall be made to keep infants of twelve months or less born  
4 to incarcerated mothers with their mothers. If it is not possible for the child to remain with the  
5 mother, the care of the child will be taken care of through other arrangements.