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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara A. L'Italien

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act An act relative to youth emancipation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barbara A. L'Italien	*Second Essex and Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*

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By Mrs. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 860) of Barbara L'Italien, Kay Khan, Jason M. Lewis, Tom Sannicandro and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to youth emancipation. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act An act relative to youth emancipation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Juvenile Court, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Youth Services, shall establish a pilot program to enable and support youth who are unaccompanied and without a guardian. The pilot shall consider criteria for youth to declare themselves unaccompanied and without a guardian. The pilot shall take into account access to social services and state support, eligibility criteria for housing, and other needs of youth who meet criteria established under the pilot. Further, the pilot shall take into special consideration the needs of youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning.