

HOUSE No. 1498

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to marriage for minors..

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 25 of chapter 207 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
3 thereof the following sentence:-

4 The probate court for the county where, or a district court within the judicial district of
5 which, a minor under the age of 18 but not less than the age of 16 resides may, after hearing,
6 make an order allowing the marriage of such minor, if the parents, or surviving parent of such
7 minor, or, if only one such parent resides in the Commonwealth, that parent or, if neither such
8 parent is alive and resident thereof or if the parent or parents qualified as aforesaid to consent are
9 disqualified as hereinafter provided, a legal guardian with custody of the person of such minor
10 has consented to such order.