

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1513**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act further regulating the appointment of certain guardians..

*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. Chapter 201 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the  
2 following section:—

3 Section 6C. In appointing a guardian for a person eighteen years of age or older under the  
4 provisions of sections six, six A or six B, the parent or parents of such person shall be presumed  
5 to be the proper person or persons to be appointed by the court. Such presumption may be  
6 rebutted by the introduction of competent evidence. A parent or parents wishing to designate a  
7 third party to serve as guardian of such person may freely elect to do so without prejudice. In  
8 such instances, the party so designated shall be presumed to be the proper person to be appointed  
9 by the court. Such presumption may be rebutted by the introduction of competent evidence.