

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1616

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act clarifying the removal statute..

*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 30 of chapter 208 of the General Laws, as appearing in the most  
2 recent edition, is hereby further amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new  
3 paragraph:-

4           The removal shall be ordered only if the Court finds that the removal results in a  
5 direct benefit to the child which outweighs any detriment to the child, including but not limited  
6 to, that resulting from the loss of frequent and regular visitation with the non-custodial parent.