

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 479**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Elizabeth A. Poirier*

*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 providing visitation rights for great grandparents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2011</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>		<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/25/2011</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>

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By Ms. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 479) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others for legislation to provide visitation rights for great grandparents. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4202 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act providing visitation rights for great grandparents.

*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 23 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “grandparents” in lines 34, 40, 44  
3 and 45, in each instance, the words:- and great grandparents.

4           SECTION 2. Section 26 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
5 inserting after the word “grandparents” in lines 92, 98, 101 and 102, in each instance, the words:-  
6 and great grandparents.

7           SECTION 3. Section 39D of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
8 inserting after the word “grandparents”, in lines 17 and 19, in each instance, the words:- and  
9 great grandparents.