

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 480**

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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 relative to expanding protections against the crime of incest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2011</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/25/2011</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2011</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2011</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. 480) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others relative to the crime of incest. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1668 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to expanding protections against the crime of incest.

*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 17 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “consanguinity”, in line 1, the  
3 following words:—

4           affinity or adoption.

5           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.