

HOUSE No. 1355

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 clarifying the removal statute.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	

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By Ms. Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1355) of Colleen M. Garry and James J. Dwyer for legislation to allow for the removal of children only if the removal results in a direct benefit to the child . The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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 direct
5 benefit to the child which outweighs any detriment to the child, including but not limited to, that
6 resulting from the loss of frequent and regular visitation with the non-custodial parent.