

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1448**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kay Khan*

*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 advertising for the placement of children under 16 years of age.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2013</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1448) of Kay Khan and Marcos A. Devers relative to advertising for the placement of children under 16 years of age. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1328 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to advertising for the placement of children under 16 years of age.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 M.G.L. Ch.15D, section 6 is hereby amended by striking (e) and replacing it with the  
2 following,

3 (e) No person shall advertise for the placement or reception of a child under 16 years of  
4 age for family foster care, family child care, large family child care, child care center care,  
5 school-aged child care program, group residential care, or temporary shelter care or adoption  
6 unless the advertisement is placed by a licensed or approved placement agency, by a licensed  
7 family child care home, large family child care home, child care center, school-aged child care  
8 program, group care facility or temporary shelter facility, or with the written approval of the  
9 department. The advertisement shall include the license or registration number issued to the  
10 provider or agency under this section. As used in this section, advertise means to communicate  
11 by any public medium originating or distributed in the commonwealth, including but not limited  
12 to, newspapers, periodicals, telephone directories, radio, television, or electronic medium.