

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1745**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 custody of children by persons on military service overseas.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Linda Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1745) of Michael F. Rush, Linda Campbell and Thomas J. Calter for legislation relative to custody of children by persons on military service overseas. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 859 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to custody of children by persons on military service overseas.

*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. Chapter 209B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 the following section:-

3                   Section 15. Any person who has been awarded custody under this chapter and  
4 who is subsequently deployed in overseas military duty shall, upon return from such deployment,  
5 resume custody without any further legal proceedings.