

**SENATE . . . . . No. 49**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

*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 the rights of children adopted by unmarried persons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 49) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation relative to the rights of children adopted by unmarried persons. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 730 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the rights of children adopted by unmarried persons.

*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 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after Section 6E, the following section:-

3           Section 6F. After an adjudication of adoption, in the event that the adoptive parents are  
4 not married to each other, in any dispute as may arise as to custody, visitation, support,  
5 education, maintenance and health insurance, the adoptive parent may seek relief under sections  
6 nine, ten, eleven, eighteen, nineteen and twenty of chapter two hundred and nine C provided  
7 however that the provisions of paragraph B of section 10 of chapter two hundred and nine C  
8 shall not apply to this section.