

SENATE No. 722

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eileen M. Donoghue

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 barring visitation rights for a child conceived by rape.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 722) of Eileen M. Donoghue, Colleen M. Garry, Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and Jonathan Hecht for legislation barring visitation rights for a child conceived by rape. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An act barring visitation rights for a child conceived by rape.

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 3 of chapter 209C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "guardian", in line 17, the
3 following:-

4 No court shall make an order providing visitation rights to any parent who has been
5 convicted of rape of the other parent of the child who is the subject of the order, unless such
6 child is of suitable age to signify his assent and assents to such order; provided, further that until
7 such order is issued, no person shall visit, with the child present, a parent who has been
8 convicted of rape of the other parent of the child without consent of the parent who has been
9 raped.