

**SENATE . . . . . No. 749**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Brian A. Joyce*

*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 spousal immunity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Brian A. Joyce*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Joyce, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 749) of Brian A. Joyce for legislation relative to spousal immunity. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 800 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 spousal immunity.

*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 20 of chapter 233 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following paragraph:-

4           Second, Except as otherwise provided in section seven of chapter two hundred and  
5 seventy-three and except in any proceeding relating to child abuse, including incest, neither  
6 husband nor wife shall be compelled to testify before a grand jury or in the trial or any pre-trial  
7 or post-trial hearing, of an indictment, complaint, or other criminal proceeding against the other.