

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1457**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***David Paul Linsky***

*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 parental rights of survivors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2015</i>

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1457) of David Paul Linsky relative to the forfeiture of parental rights for persons convicted of rape or abuse of their child. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1475 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the parental rights of survivors.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a person  
2 convicted of a violation of section 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 23, 23A, or 23B of Chapter 265 of the  
3 General Laws and who is the biological parent of a child that is the product of said crime, shall  
4 have no parental rights with respect to said child.