SENATE DOCKET, NO. 2032 FILED ON: 4/14/2015

SENATE . . . . . No. 1964

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel A. Wolf

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 denying paternity rights to perpetrators of rape.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Daniel A. Wolf	*Cape and Islands*	
Kenneth J. Donnelly	*Fourth Middlesex*	*4/22/2015*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*4/22/2015*
James T. Welch	*Hampden*	*4/22/2015*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*	*4/22/2015*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*	*4/22/2015*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*	*4/22/2015*
Thomas J. Calter	*12th Plymouth*	*4/22/2015*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*4/22/2015*
Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*	*4/22/2015*
Leah Cole	*12th Essex*	*4/22/2015*
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*	*4/22/2015*
Brian R. Mannal	*2nd Barnstable*	*4/22/2015*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*	*4/22/2015*
Jay D. Livingstone	*8th Suffolk*	*4/22/2015*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*	*4/22/2015*
John C. Velis	*4th Hampden*	*4/24/2015*
Denise C. Garlick	*13th Norfolk*	*3/1/2016*

SENATE DOCKET, NO. 2032 FILED ON: 4/14/2015

SENATE . . . . . No. 1964

By Mr. Wolf, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1964) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel A. Wolf, Kenneth J. Donnelly, Jason M. Lewis, James T. Welch and other members of the General Court for legislation to deny paternity rights to perpetrators of rape. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act denying paternity rights to perpetrators of rape.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 3 of chapter 209C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (e) the following subsection:-

(f) Where a court finds by clear and convincing evidence that a child was conceived by an act of rape, as defined in sections 22 and 22A of chapter 265, the court shall not establish paternity in favor of the perpetrator of the rape or grant the perpetrator of the rape custody or visitation rights or any other parental rights. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this section shall: 1) prevent a court from ordering that the perpetrator of the rape pay child support; or 2) limit the right of the child to inherit from or through the perpetrator of the rape.