

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Anne M. Gobi, (BY REQUEST)***

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*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 unmarried couples.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Colby Taylor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*PO Box 280 West Brookfield, MA 01585-0280*

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By Ms. Gobi (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. ) of Colby Taylor for legislation relative to unmarried couples. The Judiciary.

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**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 unmarried couples.

*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 207 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:—

3           Section 59. For purposes of the inheritance of benefits, pension plans, social security or  
4 any other asset, an unmarried couple who live together with children or an unmarried couple  
5 without children and live together for no less than 10 years, shall be entitled to the others  
6 aforementioned benefits and assets upon the death of said man or woman.