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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 providing for rape survivor child custody.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alexander MacLean</i>	<i>51 Fairview Street, Dedham, MA 02026</i>	<i>1/18/2018</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alexander MacLean relative to court-ordered termination of parental rights of rapists. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act providing for rape survivor child custody.

*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, the mother of  
2 any child that was conceived through rape under section 22, 22A, 22C, 23A or 23B of chapter  
3 265 of the General Laws, may seek court-ordered termination of the parental rights of her rapist  
4 with regard to that child, which the court shall grant upon clear and convincing evidence of rape  
5 under the above laws.

6           SECTION 2. The commonwealth shall provide all of the necessary funding to ensure the  
7 court may handle these duties effectively and efficiently.

8           SECTION 3. This act shall be known as “The Massachusetts Rape Survivor Child  
9 Custody Act”.