

**SENATE . . . . . No. 813**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia Stone Creem*

*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 compensation of a guardian ad litem in a contempt action.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia Stone Creem*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 813) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation relative to the appointment of GAL to institute contempt proceedings. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 744 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the compensation of a guardian ad litem in a contempt action.

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

1 Chapter 215 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by striking section 56B and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

3 Section 56B. Any judge of the probate and family court may appoint a guardian ad litem  
4 to institute contempt proceedings under the provisions of section thirty-four A against any party  
5 for failure to obey judgments of the probate and family court involving care, custody or  
6 maintenance of minor children, and said guardian ad litem may personally serve throughout the  
7 commonwealth any summons or capias incidental to the enforcement of this section. The  
8 compensation of such guardian ad litem together with any expenses shall be determined by the  
9 court and be paid by the defendant or by the commonwealth as the court may order, upon

- 10 certification by the judge to the state treasurer. The state police, local police and probation
- 11 officers shall assist the guardian ad litem so appointed, upon his request.