

**SENATE . . . . . No. 832**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

*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 protecting survivors of rape and their children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/8/2017</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 832) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Jason M. Lewis, William Crocker, Kenneth I. Gordon and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect survivors of rape and their children. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act protecting survivors of rape and their children.

*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. Section 3(a) of Chapter 209c, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 sentences: -

4           No court shall make an order providing visitation or custody rights to a parent who was  
5 convicted of rape, under sections 22 to 23B, inclusive, of chapter 265 or section 2, 3, 4 or 17 of  
6 chapter 272, or who after a hearing is found by clear and convincing evidence to have committed  
7 rape as defined in said chapters, and is seeking to obtain visitation with, or custody of, the child  
8 who was conceived during the commission of that rape. Termination of these rights shall not  
9 prevent a court from ordering that the perpetrator of the rape pay child support nor shall it limit  
10 the right of the child to inherit through or from the perpetrator of the rape.