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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1478

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 to end child marriage in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*1/11/2019*
Harriette L. Chandler	*First Worcester*	*1/25/2019*
District Attorney Marion T. Ryan	*Office of the Middlesex District Attorney, 15 Commonwealth Avenue, Woburn, MA 01801*	*2/1/2019*
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*	*1/28/2019*
Joan B. Lovely	*Second Essex*	*2/1/2019*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*1/15/2019*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*	*1/29/2019*
Paul Brodeur	*32nd Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*	*1/31/2019*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*	*1/24/2019*
William C. Galvin	*6th Norfolk*	*1/31/2019*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*	*1/24/2019*
John J. Mahoney	*13th Worcester*	*1/28/2019*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*	*1/30/2019*
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*	*1/24/2019*
Smitty Pignatelli	*4th Berkshire*	*1/25/2019*

James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*1/11/2019*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*	*2/1/2019*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*	*1/16/2019*
David Biele	*4th Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
Natalie M. Blais	*1st Franklin*	*2/1/2019*
Daniel Cahill	*10th Essex*	*1/23/2019*
Peter Capano	*11th Essex*	*1/28/2019*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
Brendan P. Crighton	*Third Essex*	*2/1/2019*
Daniel R. Cullinane	*12th Suffolk*	*1/29/2019*
Mark J. Cusack	*5th Norfolk*	*1/29/2019*
Julian Cyr	*Cape and Islands*	*1/23/2019*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*	*1/23/2019*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	*2/1/2019*
Daniel M. Donahue	*16th Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*1/20/2019*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*	*1/23/2019*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*3rd Berkshire*	*1/25/2019*
Dylan A. Fernandes	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*	*1/17/2019*
Carole A. Fiola	*6th Bristol*	*1/18/2019*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*1/23/2019*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*	*1/11/2019*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
Carlos González	*10th Hampden*	*1/22/2019*
Kenneth I. Gordon	*21st Middlesex*	*1/29/2019*
Tami L. Gouveia	*14th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*1/16/2019*
Stephan Hay	*3rd Worcester*	*1/30/2019*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Christopher Hendricks	*11th Bristol*	*1/14/2019*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Russell E. Holmes	*6th Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*	*1/24/2019*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Patrick Joseph Kearney	*4th Plymouth*	*1/12/2019*

Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*	*1/30/2019*
John J. Lawn, Jr.	*10th Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	*17th Worcester*	*1/28/2019*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*1/14/2019*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*1/23/2019*
Jay D. Livingstone	*8th Suffolk*	*1/29/2019*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*1/28/2019*
Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.	*28th Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Liz Miranda	*5th Suffolk*	*1/24/2019*
Tram T. Nguyen	*18th Essex*	*1/25/2019*
Shaunna L. O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*	*2/1/2019*
Patrick M. O'Connor	*Plymouth and Norfolk*	*2/1/2019*
Norman J. Orrall	*12th Bristol*	*1/30/2019*
Marc R. Pacheco	*First Plymouth and Bristol*	*2/1/2019*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*	*1/29/2019*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*1/25/2019*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*	*1/14/2019*
David Allen Robertson	*19th Middlesex*	*1/23/2019*
Maria Duaime Robinson	*6th Middlesex*	*1/15/2019*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*1/24/2019*
Jon Santiago	*9th Suffolk*	*1/31/2019*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
José F. Tosado	*9th Hampden*	*1/15/2019*
Paul F. Tucker	*7th Essex*	*1/23/2019*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*	*1/14/2019*
Andres X. Vargas	*3rd Essex*	*1/31/2019*
Aaron Vega	*5th Hampden*	*1/22/2019*
John C. Velis	*4th Hampden*	*1/31/2019*
David T. Vieira	*3rd Barnstable*	*2/1/2019*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*1/29/2019*
Bud L. Williams	*11th Hampden*	*1/30/2019*

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1478) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to prohibit marriage of minors. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2310* OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act to end child marriage in Massachusetts.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 207 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 7 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 7. A magistrate or minister shall not solemnize a marriage if a party to the marriage is under the age of 18.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 207, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out section 24 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 24. The clerk or registrar shall not receive a notice of the intention of marriage of a person under the age of 18.

SECTION 3. Section 25 of said chapter 207, as so appearing, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Section 27 of said chapter 207, as appearing is hereby amended by striking out the second and third sentences.

SECTION 5. Said chapter 207, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out section 33A and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 33A. The clerk or registrar shall not issue a certificate under section 28 before receiving proof of the age of the parties and verifying that neither party is under the age of 18. Such proof shall be contained in any of the following documents, graded and taking precedence in the order named: (1) an original or certified copy of a record of birth; (2) an original or certified copy of a baptismal record; (3) a passport; (4) a life insurance policy; (5) an employment certificate; (6) a school record; (7) an immigration record; (8) a naturalization record; or (9) a court record. Documentary evidence of a lower grade as aforesaid shall not be received by the clerk or registrar unless the clerk or registrar is satisfied that evidence of a higher grade is not readily procurable.

SECTION 6. Section 34 of said chapter 207, as so appearing, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Section 53 of said chapter 207, as appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words “section thirty–three”, in line 2, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- sections 24 and 33A.

SECTION 8. Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 1. Whoever fraudulently and deceitfully entices or takes away an unmarried person under eighteen, for the purpose of effectuating a clandestine marriage of such person,

shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or by a fine of not more than $1,000, or both.