

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3426**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Alice Hanlon Peisch***

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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 the uniform probate code.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3426) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the uniform probate code. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the uniform probate code.

*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 190B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 2-517 and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following section:

4           Section 2-517. [Penalty Clause for Contest.]

5           A provision in a will purporting to penalize an interested person for contesting the will or  
6 instituting other proceedings relating to the estate is unenforceable if probable cause exists for  
7 instituting proceedings.