

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3701**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Sheila C. Harrington*

*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 collateral consequences of alimony.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3701) of Sheila C. Harrington and others relative to the federal tax collateral consequences of alimony. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to the collateral consequences of alimony.

*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 53 of chapter 208 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “incomes”, in line 14, the following words:- , if  
3 federally tax deductible, or, if not federally tax deductible, the recipient’s need or 23 per cent to  
4 28 per cent of the difference between the parties’ gross incomes, as