

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1652**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Ryan C. Fattman*

*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 reducing the costs for adoption.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1652) of Ryan C. Fattman, David F. DeCoste, Shaunna L. O'Connell and Michael J. Soter for legislation to reduce the costs for adoption. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1527 OF 2017-2018.]

**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 reducing the costs for adoption.

*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 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3           (v) There is hereby established a credit for licensed Massachusetts attorneys who provide  
4 pro bono legal services in at least one adoption per year. Each adoption case shall entitle said  
5 attorney to a \$500 credit and shall be limited to no more than \$2,500 in each taxable year.