

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1697**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

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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 expanding protections against incest.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1697) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to expanding the provisions of the crime of incest. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act expanding protections against incest.

*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 17 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “consanguinity”, in line 1, the  
3   following words:— , affinity or adoption.

4           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.