

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1709**

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**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:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>District Attorney Marion T. Ryan</i>	<i>Office of the Middlesex District Attorney, 15 Commonwealth Avenue, Woburn, MA 01801</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>

<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/7/2021</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/15/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>4/26/2021</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/27/2021</i>
<i>Meghan Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>5/3/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>5/4/2021</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>5/9/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>5/11/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>5/12/2021</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>5/13/2021</i>
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>5/13/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>5/14/2021</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>5/14/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>5/19/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>5/21/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/24/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>5/25/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>5/25/2021</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>5/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>5/26/2021</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>5/26/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>5/28/2021</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>6/2/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>6/2/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>6/2/2021</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>6/3/2021</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>6/3/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/8/2021</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>6/11/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/17/2021</i>

<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>6/17/2021</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/21/2021</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/29/2021</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>6/29/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>6/30/2021</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/8/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>7/12/2021</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/13/2021</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/15/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/20/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/22/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>8/17/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>9/14/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>10/15/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/19/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>10/26/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>4/12/2022</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1709) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to prohibit marriage of minors. 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 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:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 207 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
2 7, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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

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

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

9           SECTION 3. Section 25 of said chapter 207 is hereby repealed.

10          SECTION 4. Section 27 of said chapter 207, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is  
11 hereby amended by striking out the second and third sentences.

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

14 Section 33A. The clerk or registrar shall not issue a certificate under section 28 before  
15 receiving proof of age of the parties and verifying that both parties are not less than 18 years of  
16 age. Such proof shall be contained in any of the following documents, graded and taking  
17 precedence in the following order: (i) an original or certified copy of a record of birth; (ii) an  
18 original or certified copy of a baptismal record; (iii) a passport; (iv) a life insurance policy; (v) an  
19 employment certificate; (vi) a school record; (vii) an immigration record; (viii) a naturalization  
20 record; or (ix) a court record. The clerk or registrar shall not accept documentary evidence of a  
21 lower grade unless the clerk or registrar is satisfied that evidence of a higher grade is not readily  
22 procurable.

23 SECTION 6. Section 34 of said chapter 207 is hereby repealed.

24 SECTION 7. Section 53 of said chapter 207, as appearing in the 2018 Edition, is hereby  
25 amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “section thirty–three” and inserting in place thereof  
26 the following words:- sections 24 and 33A.