

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1831**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1831) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the Uniform Probate Code. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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 2018 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.