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HOUSE . . . . . No. 223

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jessica Ann Giannino

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 enact Patricia and Francesca's Law relative to the family medical history of adopted children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Jessica Ann Giannino	*16th Suffolk*	*2/10/2021*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*3/11/2021*

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By Ms. Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 223) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Michael O. Moore relative to enacting Patricia and Francesca's Law relative to the family medical history of adopted children. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *4499* OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to enact Patricia and Francesca's Law relative to the family medical history of adopted children.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 210 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 the following section:-

Section 2 ½. No biological parent may provide written consent for adoption required by section 2 unless said parent, to the best of their knowledge, provides an anonymous family medical history. Information about the biological parents will not identify or tend to lead to the identification of the biological parents or their present or former locations. The family medical history shall include, but not be limited to: (i) any known genetic predispositions and health conditions of said parent and (ii) any known genetic predispositions and health conditions of said parent’s relatives within 2 degrees of consanguinity.