

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1003

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Diana DiZoglio*

*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 denying paternity rights to perpetrators of rape.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Diana DiZoglio*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex*

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1003) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation to deny paternity rights to rapists. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 924 OF 2019-2020.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act denying paternity rights to perpetrators of rape.

*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 3 of chapter 209C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (e) the following subsection:-  
3   (f) Where a court finds by clear and convincing evidence that a child was conceived by an act of  
4   rape, as defined in sections 22 and 22A of chapter 265, the court shall not establish paternity in  
5   favor of the perpetrator of the rape or grant the perpetrator of the rape custody or visitation rights  
6   or any other parental rights. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this section shall: 1)  
7   prevent a court from ordering that the perpetrator of the rape pay child support; or 2) limit the  
8   right of the child to inherit from or through the perpetrator of the rape.