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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1777

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 expanding protections against incest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*1/14/2025*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*1/15/2025*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*	*1/31/2025*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*	*3/10/2025*

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1777) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to expanding protections against incest. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1571* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act relative to 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:

SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “consanguinity”, in line 1, the following words:-

“, affinity or adoption.”

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