

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2561**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Tommy Vitolo*

*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 respecting autonomy in name choice for newly married partners.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2561) of Tommy Vitolo relative to the adoption of names upon marriage. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2284 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act respecting autonomy in name choice for newly married partners.

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

1 Chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 1D and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 1D . Each party to a marriage may adopt any surname, for example the present  
4 or birth-given surname of either party, a previously-used birth-given surname, or any hyphenated  
5 combination. Each party to a marriage may also adopt any first name, middle name or any other  
6 name.