

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Meghan K. Kilcoyne

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 regarding on behalf orders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Meghan K. Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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

An Act regarding on behalf orders.

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 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following new section:

3 Section 9A. Orders Protecting Minors. Any on behalf of order or order relative to minor
4 children, remains in effect after the minor reaches the age of majority unless otherwise ordered
5 by the court. Upon reaching the age of majority, the plaintiff may appear at court on the date and
6 time the order is to expire, and the court shall determine whether or not to extend the order for
7 any additional time reasonably necessary to protect the plaintiff or to enter a permanent order.

8 Chapter 258E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
9 amended by adding the following new section:

10 Section 11A. Orders Protecting Minors. Any order issued on behalf of a minor remains
11 in effect after the minor reaches the majority unless otherwise ordered by the court. Upon
12 reaching the age of majority, the plaintiff may appear at court on the date and time the order is to

- 13 expire, and the court shall determine whether or not to extend the order for any additional time
- 14 reasonably necessary to protect the plaintiff or to enter a permanent order.