

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida*

*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 parental visitation and custody for children of rape victims.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1771 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to parental visitation and custody for children of rape victims.

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

1            Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter 209C of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2            2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place  
3            thereof the following sentence:-

4            No court shall make an order providing visitation rights to a parent who was convicted of  
5            rape, under sections 22 to 23B, inclusive, of chapter 265 or sections 2, 3, 4 or 17 of chapter 272,  
6            and is seeking to obtain visitation with the child who was conceived during the commission of  
7            that rape, unless a visitation or custody action is filed or initiated by the child conceived of that  
8            rape who: (i) has then reached the age of 18 or (ii) is adjudicated as emancipated from the other  
9            parent of the child.