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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Steven Owens*

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*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 exonerating certain individuals accused of witchcraft in colonial Massachusetts.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act exonerating certain individuals accused of witchcraft in colonial Massachusetts.

*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. Chapter 145 of the resolves of 1957, as amended by section 105 of chapter  
2   126 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “Elizabeth  
3   Johnson, Jr.” the first time they appear, the following words:- , “Margaret Jones, Alice Lake,  
4   Elizabeth Kendall, Anne Hibbens, Goody Glover,”

5           SECTION 2. Said Chapter 145 is hereby further amended by striking the words “in the  
6   year sixteen hundred and ninety-two” in the first paragraph.

7           SECTION 3. Said chapter 145 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words  
8   “The above named”, the following words:- “and other”.

9           SECTION 4. Said Chapter 145 is hereby further amended by inserting after the first  
10   paragraph the following paragraph :- “Whereas, Hugh Parsons, Eunice Cole, and Elizabeth  
11   Morse were indicted, tried, and found guilty of “Witchcraft”; and”

12           SECTION 5. Said Chapter 145 is hereby further amended by inserting after the second  
13 paragraph :- “Whereas, numerous others were named, accused, arrested, questioned, imprisoned,  
14 arraigned, presented, indicted and/or tried for witchcraft or familiarity with the devil, though not  
15 found guilty; and”

16           SECTION 6. Said Chapter 145 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words  
17 “Elizabeth Johnson, Jr.” the second time they appear, the following words:- , “Margaret Jones,  
18 Alice Lake, Elizabeth Kendall, Anne Hibbens, Goody Glover, Hugh Parsons, Eunice Cole,  
19 Elizabeth Morse”.