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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marcus S. Vaughn***

*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 grandparent visitation rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/3/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 4782 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 grandparent visitation rights.

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

1           The second paragraph of section 39D of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 sentences:- The  
3 petition shall include a verified complaint that the allegations therein are made on personal  
4 knowledge, set forth facts that would be admissible in evidence, affirmatively show the affiant's  
5 competence to testify on the matters therein, and are not conclusory. Upon the filing of the  
6 petition, the court shall, at the sole expense of the petitioning grandparent and without input from  
7 any party, appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor child pursuant to section 56A of chapter 215  
8 and assign the issue of grandparent visitation for mediation.