

SENATE No. 1283

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 of orders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John C. Velis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden and Hampshire

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1283) of John C. Velis for legislation to protect orders issued on behalf of a minor so that the order remains in effect until the expiration date of the order. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regarding on behalf of 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

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

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 258E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
9 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

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

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