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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1448

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 advertising for the placement of children under 16 years of age.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1448) of Kay Khan and Marcos A. Devers relative to advertising for the placement of children under 16 years of age. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1328* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to advertising for the placement of children under 16 years of age.

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

M.G.L. Ch.15D, section 6 is hereby amended by striking (e) and replacing it with the following,

(e) No person shall advertise for the placement or reception of a child under 16 years of age for family foster care, family child care, large family child care, child care center care, school-aged child care program, group residential care, or temporary shelter care or adoption unless the advertisement is placed by a licensed or approved placement agency, by a licensed family child care home, large family child care home, child care center, school-aged child care program, group care facility or temporary shelter facility, or with the written approval of the department. The advertisement shall include the license or registration number issued to the provider or agency under this section. As used in this section, advertise means to communicate by any public medium originating or distributed in the commonwealth, including but not limited to, newspapers, periodicals, telephone directories, radio, television, or electronic medium.