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By Mr. Catino of Medford, petition of Michael Catino relative to commitment by courts to institutions for the insane of persons who have children living within the Commonwealth. Public Welfare.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMMITMENTS TO INSTITUTIONS FOR THE INSANE.

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

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the con-  
2 trary, no court shall commit to any institution for  
3 the insane any person who has children living within  
4 the commonwealth, unless all of such children have  
5 signed the application or petition for such commit-  
6 ment.

