

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4273

By Mr. Wetherbee of Pepperell, petition of Sophie Tierney and Bruce E. Wetherbee that provision be made for visitation rights for grandparents of children whose parents are divorced or separated. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR VISITATION RIGHTS FOR GRANDPARENTS OF CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE DIVORCED OR SEPARATED.

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

- 1 Chapter 208 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 32 the following section: —
- 3 *Section 32A.* In any proceeding for divorce or separate support,
- 4 an order or judgment relative to the custody of children shall
- 5 include an order permitting visitation rights to grandparents of
- 6 such children.

