

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 23, 1905.  
Introduced on leave by Mr. Robinson of Melrose. Joint Judiciary.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

Relative to the Marriage of Minors under the Age of  
Sixteen Years.

*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. Section twenty of chapter one  
2 hundred and fifty-one of the Revised Laws is  
3 hereby amended by inserting after the words  
4 "such order," in the sixth line, the words:—  
5 *Provided, nevertheless, that the magistrate before*  
6 *whom bastardy proceedings or a criminal com-*  
7 *plaint for rape are pending, in which the*  
8 *complainant, or person in whose behalf the com-*  
9 *plaint is made, is a female minor under the age*  
10 *of sixteen years, may make the foregoing order*  
11 *allowing the marriage of such minor, if, in his*  
12 *judgment, the interests of the public and of such*  
13 *minor would be promoted by such marriage.*

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

