

SENATE No. 1947

By Mr. Shea, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1947) of Philip L. Shea for legislation to authorize the probate court to grant visitation rights to grandparents of certain minor children. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PROBATE COURT TO GRANT VISITATION RIGHTS TO GRANDPARENTS OF CERTAIN MINOR CHILDREN.

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

1 Chapter 119 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 39D, added by chapter 631 of the acts of
3 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —
4 *Section 39D.* If the parents of an unmarried minor child
5 are divorced, or if either or both of the said parents are de-
6 ceased, the grandparents of such minor *child* may be granted
7 reasonable visitation rights to the minor child during his mi-
8 nority by the probate court upon a finding that such visitation
9 rights would be in the best interests of the said minor child.
10 No such visitation rights shall be granted if said minor child
11 has been adopted by a person other than a stepparent and any
12 visitation rights granted pursuant to this section prior to such
13 an adoption of the said minor child shall be automatically
14 terminated by said adoption.

By the State of New York, I, the Governor, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears on file in the office of the Secretary of State.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

As amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.

FOR THE GOVERNOR: THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ALBANY, N. Y.

Count signed and sealed by the authority of the Governor, as follows:

1. Chapter 1 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
2. Chapter 2 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
3. Chapter 3 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
4. Chapter 4 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
5. Chapter 5 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
6. Chapter 6 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
7. Chapter 7 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
8. Chapter 8 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
9. Chapter 9 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
10. Chapter 10 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
11. Chapter 11 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
12. Chapter 12 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
13. Chapter 13 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.
14. Chapter 14 of the General Laws in relation to the State of New York, as amended by the Convention of 1938, and by the Convention of 1967, and by the Convention of 1992.