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**SENATE . . . . . No. 1621**

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By Mr. Brennan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1621) of John A. Brennan, Jr., and Frederick E. Berry for legislation to require prospective foster or adoptive parents to disclose criminal records. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT REQUIRING PROSPECTIVE FOSTER OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS TO  
DISCLOSE CRIMINAL RECORDS.**

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

1 The second paragraph of chapter 18B of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in section 1 of chapter 540 of the acts of 1982, is  
3 hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the  
4 following two sentences: — Said regulations shall include the  
5 drafting of a department questionnaire to be completed by pro-  
6 spective foster or adoptive parents under the penalties of per-  
7 jury. Said questionnaire shall inquire whether the applicant  
8 has been found guilty of a felony, a crime involving moral tur-  
9 pitude, or any violation of any state or federal law relating to  
10 narcotics. Any person filing false answers to said questions  
11 shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars.

