

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4684

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By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente, Gloria L. Fox, Larry F. Giordano and Stanley C. Rosenberg relative to criminal offender record information in foster care placements. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS.

*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 28A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 10 the following section: —
- 3 Section 10A. Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the
- 4 contrary, no child shall be placed in unrestricted foster homes
- 5 prior to approval of such homes by the office. Said approval shall
- 6 include a criminal offender record information check on all
- 7 persons eighteen years or older residing at the home. In the event
- 8 of an emergency placement in a so called unrestricted home
- 9 limited to relations or long-time friends, a criminal offender
- 10 record information check shall be completed on said home within
- 11 ten days. Should the result of any of said checks show that any
- 12 occupant of said home has a criminal record involving violence,
- 13 abuse, or exploitation against any person, the home shall not be
- 14 licensed by the office, no child shall be placed in said home, and
- 15 any emergency placements shall be removed forthwith.

