

HOUSE No. 1781

By Mr. Perry of Sandwich, petition of Jeffrey Davis Perry and Shirley Gomes relative to biological evidence required for adoption. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DNA REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION.

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. Chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 section 3B, the following section:—

4 Section 3C. DNA requirements: A blood relative petitioner
5 requesting return custody of child of custodial age who is legally
6 adopted by a non-biological petitioner, in conforming to all
7 requirements of chapter 210, shall provide evidence of his or her
8 biological connection to the child in the form of a DNA test. The
9 court shall require such test to be at the expense of petitioner in
10 question.

1 SECTION 2. This Act shall be known as the Sarah Joy Act.

