

HOUSE No. 4559

By Mr. Semensi of Randolph, petition of Joseph J. Semensi and another that provision be made for visitation rights for grandparents of children whose parents are divorced or separated. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR VISITATION RIGHTS FOR GRANDPARENTS OF CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE DIVORCED OR SEPARATED.

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 208 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after Section 32 the following Section:—
- 3 *Section 32(a)* — In any proceeding for divorce or separate
- 4 support, before an order of judgement relative to the custody of
- 5 children is granted, a review of visitation rights to grandparents of
- 6 such children shall be made, and if said judgment shall preclude
- 7 visitation rights by grandparents, the judge making the decision
- 8 must state the reasons for such action.

