

HOUSE No. 3805

By Ms. Schur of Newton, petition of Susan D. Schur and other members of the General Court relative to adoption consents in the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION CONSENTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 2 of chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the first paragraph
3 by adding at the end thereof the following:

4 The execution of said written consent shall not be required by
5 any prior agreement. Said written consent shall be freely given.

6 In the absence of a prior adoption, for purposes of this section,
7 the woman who has given birth to the child shall be deemed to
8 be the mother of the child.

