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HOUSE . . . . . No. 492

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Byron Rushing

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the reform of archaic laws implicating certain private consensual intimate conduct between adults.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Byron Rushing	*9th Suffolk*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*
Patricia D. Jehlen	☐ *[District]* ☐
Aaron Michlewitz	*3rd Suffolk*
James B. Eldridge	☐ *[District]* ☐
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*

Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Gary Daffin	*Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus*

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By Mr. Rushing of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 492) of Byron Rushing and others relative to the reform of laws implicating certain private consensual intimate conduct between adults. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *1711* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to the reform of archaic laws implicating certain private consensual intimate conduct between adults.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 to 2, the words “commits the abominable and detestable crime against nature, either with mankind or” and inserting in place thereof the words:-- engages in sexual relations.

SECTION 2. Section 35 of chapter 272 is hereby repealed.