

HOUSE No. 1653

By Mr. O’Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O’Flaherty relative to the removal from the Commonwealth of minor children of divorced or divorcing parents. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REMOVAL STATUTE.

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, as appearing in the 2004 Offi-
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 30 and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section:—
4 Section 30. A minor child of divorcing or divorced parents who is
5 a resident over whose custody and maintenance a probate court has
6 jurisdiction shall not, be removed our of this Commonwealth
7 without the consent of both parents, unless the court upon cause
8 shown otherwise orders. The court, upon application of any person
9 in behalf of such child, may require security and issue writs and
10 processes to affect the purposes of this and the three preceding sec-
11 tions.