**Complaint for Authorization to Remove Minor Child from the Commonwealth Under G.L. c. 208, § 30**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

{{county}}*,* DIVISION                                              Probate and Family Court Dept. Docket No.

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| {{plaintiff\_name}}, | ) |
| Plaintiff | ) |
| v. | ) |
| {{other\_party\_name}} | ) |
| Defendant | ) |
|  | ) |

**COMPLAINT FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE MINOR**

**CHILD FROM THE COMMONWEALTH**

1.         The plaintiff, who resides at {{plaintiff\_address}}, Massachusetts, has a judgment of {{user.case\_type }} involving my children with defendant, who resides at {{plaintiff\_address}}, entered by this court on {{case\_date}}. The parties are the parents of minor {% if child.number() > 1 %}children, {% else %}child, {% endif %}namely:  
{% for item in child %}

* {{ item }} , birth day: {{ child[item].birthdate }}

{% endfor %}

2.         This court entered a judgment of {{user.case\_type}}, which provided, among other things, that the plaintiff have {{custody\_type}} custody of the minor {% if child.number() > 1 %}children{% else %}child{% endif %}, and {{custody\_type}} legal custody of the minor {% if child.number() > 1 %}children{% else %}child{% endif %} with the following parenting time to the defendant: [enter terms of parenting time here].

3.         Since the judgment of {{user.case\_type}}, the plaintiff has formed a good faith intent to relocate his/her residence to {{relocation\_city}} in the state of {{relocation\_state}}.

4.         The relocation is necessary because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

5.         The relocation of the minor child is in his/her best interests, and constitutes "cause" within the meaning of G.L. c. 208, § 30.

6.         The relocation of the minor child will allow him/her to have greater interaction/develop a relationship with {{relative\_types}}, who live in {{relocation\_city}}, {{relocation\_state}}.

7.         There are {{school\_condition}} schools available for the minor children to attend in {{relocation\_city}}, {{relocation\_state}}.

8.         The minor child has expressed a preference to remain with the plaintiff and to relocate to {{relocation\_city}}, {{relocation\_state}} with him/her.

9.         The minor child's therapist has indicated that this relocation will be in the child's best interests.

10.      The plaintiff has made arrangements to {{housing\_type}} suitable housing for him/her and the minor child in {{relocation\_city}}, {{relocation\_state}}.

11.      There is a real advantage to the minor child in relocating to {{relocation\_city}}, {{relocation\_state}}.

12.      The plaintiff is willing and able to insure adequate contact between the child and the child’s other parent as follows: [insert your parenting plan details here which can include extended periods of parenting time in Massachusetts during school and summer vacations] and/or parenting time in {{relocation\_city}}, {{relocation\_state}} as the court may direct or the parties agree.

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WHEREFORE, the plaintiff prays that the court authorize the removal of the minor child of the parties to {{relocation\_city}}, {{relocation\_state}}, pursuant to G.L. c. 208, § 30, and to enter such temporary and final orders as it deems appropriate to promote the best interests of the parties.

[Enter today’s date]                                                                              [YOUR SIGNATURE]