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**HOUSE BILL NO. 289**  
**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 452.314, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to family law proceedings.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 452.314, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 452.314, to read as follows:

452.314. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a guardian for an incapacitated person may file:

**(1) Any motion permissible under chapter 452. Such motions shall be filed on behalf of such incapacitated person;**

**(2) A petition for dissolution of the marriage of, or if the incapacitated person has a history of religious objection to divorce, the guardian may file for a legal separation for such incapacitated person and may give testimony in support of the allegations contained in the petition, if the guardian has reasonable cause to believe that the incapacitated person has been the victim of abuse by the spouse of such incapacitated person.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.