

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1988**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Poirier***

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*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to access to certain birth records.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Elizabeth A. Poirier*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*14th Bristol*

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1988) of Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to access to birth records of certain persons born out of wedlock. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1208 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to access to certain birth records.

*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 1. Section 2A of chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—The provisions of this  
3   section limiting access to records and returns of children and persons born out of wedlock shall  
4   apply only in cases where the infant was given up for adoption or where the name of the father is  
5   not listed on the record or return.