

HOUSE No. 4292

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 1, 2024.

The committee on Public Health to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1459) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to modernize birth certificates and the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2273) of Dawne Shand, Rebecca L. Rausch and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to modernizing birth certificates, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4292) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MARJORIE C. DECKER.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act modernizing birth certificates.

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 1 of Chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence of the second paragraph and
3 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-“ In the record of births, date of birth, place of
4 birth, name and sex of the child; names, places of birth, and dates of birth of the parent or
5 parents; and residence and birth surname of the person who gave birth to the child.”

6 SECTION 2. Section 1D of Chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
7 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 4, after the words “hyphenated
8 combination thereof” the following sentence: -

9 Each party to a marriage may also adopt any first name, middle name, or any other name.