

HOUSE No. 00609

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth Poirier

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to access to certain birth records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Elizabeth Poirier

14th Bristol

George Ross

2nd Bristol

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By Ms. Elizabeth Poirier of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00609) of George Ross and Elizabeth Poirier relative to access to birth records of certain persons born out of wedlock.. Joint Committee on Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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□ , NO. 2133 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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 1998 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—The provisions of this section
- 3 limiting access to records and returns of children and persons born out of wedlock shall apply
- 4 only in cases where the infant was given up for adoption or where the name of the father is not
- 5 listed on the record or return.