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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1843

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Murphy

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:

An Act relative to proper identification when requesting copies of birth certificates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James M. Murphy	*4th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1843) of James M. Murphy for legislation to require certified identification when requesting copies of birth certificates. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *2124* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to proper identification when requesting copies of 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:

The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after the word "person" in line 9 of Chapter 46: Section 2A the following:

Copy of birth certificates shall not be given to any persons other than persons requesting their own birth certificate or those persons herein included

Request for copies may be made on behalf of an individual, provided that the request is in writing and duly notarized, by the person requesting a copy of their birth certificate.

Each town clerk must keep a written record of all requests made.