

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 609**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Elizabeth A. 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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to access to certain birth records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2011</i>
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/25/2011</i>

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By Ms. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 609) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and George T. Ross 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. 2133 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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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 1998  
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.