

SENATE No. 1708

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Kennedy

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 vital records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Thomas P. Kennedy

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1708) of Thomas P. Kennedy for legislation relative to vital records. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1872 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to vital 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. Any native American Indian whose certified birth record or copy thereof
2 contains a racial designation that is incorrect or missing may, without payment of a fee obtain
3 one certified copy of her or his birth record from which such incorrect racial designation has
4 been removed or corrected. The person requesting the birth record shall provide satisfactory
5 proof from a Native American Indian authority, or sworn and notarized statement to substantiate
6 their Native American Indian ancestry. The certificate issued shall not be marked or designated
7 “amended” solely for the reason set forth in this section. This Act shall take effect upon passage.