

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2038**

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**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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2038) of James M. Murphy for legislation to require certified identification when requesting copies of birth certificates. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1843 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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:*

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

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

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

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