

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1473**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth J. Donnelly, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 records open to public inspection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Barbara Matthews</i>	<i>22 Drummer Boy Way Lexington, MA 02420</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Donnelly (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1473) of Barbara Matthews and Bruce J. Ayers for legislation relative to records open to public inspection. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to records open to public inspection.

*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 7 of Chapter 66 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following  
2 sentence:

3           “All records in the custody of the state secretary which are ninety years or older shall be  
4 open to public inspection.”

5           Section 2A of Chapter 46 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in the  
6 first sentence, the words “children born out of wedlock or”and “or those of persons born out of  
7 wedlock”.

8           Subsection 26c of Section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
9 inserting after the word "information" the following words: of living people; and by inserting  
10 after the word “named” the following word: living.