

HOUSE No. 1208

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:

Elizabeth A. Poirier

14th Bristol

Mathew Muratore

1st Plymouth

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1208) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and Mathew Muratore relative to access to birth records of certain persons born out of wedlock. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2036 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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 2014
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.