

SENATE No. 1695

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 public records for genealogical research.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Barbara J. Mathews

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By Mr. Donnelly (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1695) of Barbara J. Mathews for legislation relative to public records for genealogical research. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act relative to public records for genealogical research.

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. Chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 19C the following section:-

3 Section 19D. The custodians of birth, marriage, and death records will provide non-
4 certified copies of records on plain paper rather than safety paper. These copies will be marked
5 “for research purposes only, not to be used as evidence”. The cost will be 20% of the cost of a
6 certified copy.