

SENATE No. 2009

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Barrett

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 facilitating access to public records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>9/30/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>10/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2009) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to facilitate access to public records. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to facilitating access to public 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 7 of Chapter 66 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
2 inserting at the end thereto the following sentence: All records in the custody of the state
3 secretary shall be open to public inspection and available for copying after the expiration of 90
4 years from creation of the record.

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