

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2009**

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**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)**  
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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”.