

HOUSE No. 2560

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David T. Vieira

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 related to amending birth certificates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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By Representative Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2560) of David T. Vieira for legislation to regulate changes to previously issued birth certificates. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2283 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act related to amending birth certificates.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Moves to amend MGL Chapter 46, Section 13 by adding the following section:
- 2 (l) Upon receipt of a certified copy of an order of a court of competent jurisdiction
- 3 changing the name of a person born in this state and upon request of such person or such
- 4 person’s parents, guardian, or legal representative, the commissioner or the registrar of vital
- 5 statistics of the town in which the vital event occurred shall amend the birth certificate to show
- 6 the new name by a method prescribed by the department.