

HOUSE No. 3955

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Manny Cruz

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 birth certificate changes.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Manny Cruz</i> | <i>7th Essex</i> | <i>1/17/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3955

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3955) of Manny Cruz relative to birth certificates. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to birth certificate changes.

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 13 of chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (m) Within 30 days of receiving a certified decree of change of name pursuant to the
4 second paragraph of section 12 of chapter 210, the city or town clerk shall correct, amend or
5 supplement the minor's birth record in their office. The city or town clerk shall provide the
6 parents of the minor a free certified copy of the corrected, amended or supplemented birth
7 record.

8 SECTION 2. Section 12 of chapter 210 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
9 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

10 Within 30 days of granting a petition for a change of name in the case of a minor, the
11 court shall send a certified decree of change of name to the city or town clerk where the minor's
12 birth occurred.