

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**James M. Murphy**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:  
An Act relative to proper identification when requesting copies of birth certificates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James M. Murphy	4th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2201 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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**AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROPER IDENTIFICATION WHEN REQUESTING COPIES OF 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 The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after the word "person" in line 9 of Chapter 46:  
2 Section 2A the following:

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4 Copy of birth certificates shall not be given to any persons other than persons requesting their  
5 own birth certificate or those persons herein included

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8 Request for copies may be made on behalf of an individual, provided that the request is in  
9 writing and duly notarized, by the person requesting a copy of their birth certificate.

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12 Each town clerk must keep a written record of all requests made.

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