

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Elizabeth Poirier**

*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 access to certain birth records.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2224 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO ACCESS TO CERTAIN BIRTH 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 2A of chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—
- 3 The provisions of this section limiting access to records and returns of children and persons born
- 4 out of wedlock shall apply only in cases where the infant was given up for adoption or where the
- 5 name of the father is not listed on the record or return.