

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2068

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, petition of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera relative to the issuance of certificates by registers of probate for certain persons changing marriage names. Public Health.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO SECURITY OF NAME CHANGES AND REQUESTS.

*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 1D of Chapter 46 of the General Laws as appearing in the  
2 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after the first  
3 sentence the following sentences:—

4 If a party to the marriage who has changed his or her name files a  
5 certified copy of the certificate of marriage with the register of pro-  
6 bate in the county where the parties were married or presently  
7 reside, the register of probate shall issue a certificate of change of  
8 name to the party who has changed his or her name in accordance  
9 with the certificate of marriage. No fee shall be charged, nor shall  
10 the party seeking the certificate of name change be required to file a  
11 petition for a name change. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
12 Chapter 262, Sections 34 and 40, the city or town registrar or clerk,  
13 or the register of probate shall not charge any fees for fulfilling the  
14 duties in this section.