

HOUSE No. 2201

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, petition of James M. Murphy for legislation to require certified identification when requesting copies of birth certificates. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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
- 2 “person” in line 9 of Chapter 46: Section 2A the following:—
- 3 Copy of birth certificates shall not be given to any persons other
- 4 than persons requesting their own birth certificate or those persons
- 5 herein included.
- 6 Request for copies may be made on behalf of an individual, pro-
- 7 vided that the request is in writing and duly notarized, by the person
- 8 requesting a copy of their birth certificate.
- 9 Each town clerk must keep a written record of all requests made.