

HOUSE No. 2270

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, petition of Anthony J. Verga and others relative to disclosure of information concerning certain birth, marriage and death records. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Anthony J. Verga	Edward M. Augustus, Jr.
Bruce E. Tarr	Ruth B. Balser
Louis L. Kafka	Susan C. Fargo
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Robert D. Whynott

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.

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 2A of Chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first
3 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—
4 “Examination of records and returns of abnormal sex births or
5 fetal deaths or of copies of such records in the department of public
6 health, shall not be permitted except upon proper judicial order, or
7 upon request of a person seeking his own birth or marriage record,
8 or his attorney, parent, guardian, or conservator, or a person whose
9 official duties, in the opinion of the town clerk or the commissioner
10 of public health, as the case may be entitle him to the information
11 contained therein, nor shall certified copies thereof be furnished
12 except upon such order, or the request of such person.”