

HOUSE No. 3395

By Mrs. Canavan of Brockton, petition of Christine E. Canavan and Thomas P. Kennedy relative to the issuance of certified birth records to Native Americans. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VITAL 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. Any native American Indian whose certified birth
2 record or copy thereof contains a racial designation that is incorrect
3 or missing may, without payment of a fee obtain one certified copy
4 of her or his birth record from which such incorrect racial designa-
5 tion has been removed or corrected. The person requesting the birth
6 record shall provide satisfactory proof from a Native American
7 Indian authority, or sworn and notarized statement to substantiate
8 their Native American Indian ancestry.

9 The certificate issued shall not be marked or designated
10 “amended” solely for the reason set forth in this section.

1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon passage.