

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2038**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Murphy*

*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 proper identification when requesting copies of birth certificates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James M. Murphy*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2038) of James M. Murphy for legislation to require certified identification when requesting copies of birth certificates. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

HOUSE  
 , NO. 1843 OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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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 “person” in line 9 of  
2 Chapter 46: Section 2A the following:

3 Copy of birth certificates shall not be given to any persons other than persons requesting  
4 their own birth certificate or those persons herein included

5 Request for copies may be made on behalf of an individual, provided that the request is in  
6 writing and duly notarized, by the person requesting a copy of their birth certificate.

7 Each town clerk must keep a written record of all requests made.