

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2779**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Angelo M. Scaccia*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relating to access to public records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>William Francis Galvin</i>	<i>Secretary of the Commonwealth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2779) of Angelo M. Scaccia, William Francis Galvin and Kay Khan relative to access to public records. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relating to access to public 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. Section 7 of Chapter 66 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
2 inserting at the end thereto the following sentence: All records in the custody of the state  
3 secretary shall be open to public inspection and available for copying after the expiration of  
4 seventy-five years from creation of the record.

5 SECTION 2. Section 2A of Chapter 46 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
6 striking out, in the first sentence, the words “children born out of wedlock or” and “or those of  
7 persons born out of wedlock”.