

SENATE No. 44

To accompany the petition of Louis A. Girard that provision be made for the recording of birth certificates of certain foundlings. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF CERTAIN FOUNDLINGS.

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. Chapter forty-six of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section two A,
3 inserted by chapter two hundred and seventy-nine of
4 the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, the
5 following new section:—

6 *Section 2B.* Upon the adoption of any foundling,
7 the clerk of the town in which such child was found,
8 upon receipt of an affidavit executed by the adopting
9 parents setting forth all the material facts known to
10 them concerning such child, and of an order issued by
11 the director of the division of child guardianship in
12 the department of public welfare determining the age
13 of such child as nearly as may be, shall record the
14 facts relative to such birth as provided in section one.

15 Certificates of any such birth may be issued on the
16 application of said director.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall apply to all foundlings
2 found within the commonwealth and who have been
3 adopted under the laws thereof.