

HOUSE No. 3593

By Mr. Brownell of Quincy, petition of Thomas F. Brownell relative to opening birth records for genealogical research. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT CONCERNING OPENING BIRTH RECORDS FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.

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 chapter 324 of the Acts of 1954, and as most recently amended by
3 chapter 10 of the Acts of 1965, is hereby further amended by
4 inserting after the word "conservator" in line 10, the words: — and
5 members of legally incorporated genealogical societies.

6 By striking out the words "prior to January 1, 1841 or to such
7 copies thereof," and inserting in place thereof the words: — seventy
8 years before the date on which the examination is requested.

