

# HOUSE . . . . No. 933

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By Mr. Coakley of Chicopee, petition of Arthur J. Daly for legislation to authorize the impounding of the marriage records of certain persons. Legal Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT TO IMPOUND THE MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CERTAIN PERSONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter two hundred and seventy-nine of the  
2 acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three is hereby  
3 amended by inserting in the second line thereof,  
4 after the word "births": — or of the record or records  
5 of the marriage intentions or of the marriage to each  
6 other of the parents of a child born or unborn, —  
7 and striking out the word "birth" in the fifth line  
8 thereof, — so that said chapter shall read as follows:  
9 — *Section 2A.* Examination of records and returns  
10 of illegitimate births, or of the record or records of  
11 the marriage intentions or of the marriage to each  
12 other of the parents of a child born or unborn, or of  
13 copies of such records in the office of the state secre-  
14 tary, shall not be permitted except upon proper  
15 judicial order, or upon request of a person seeking

16 his own record, or his attorney, parent, guardian, or  
17 conservator, or person whose official duties in the  
18 opinion of the town clerk or state secretary, entitle  
19 him to the information contained therein, nor shall  
20 certified copies thereof be furnished except upon such  
21 order, or the request of such person.