

HOUSE No. 1793

By Mr. Troy of Boston (by request), petition of James A. Burke for legislation to authorize the impounding of notices of intention of marriage and of marriage records in certain instances. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO IMPOUND THE NOTICES OF INTENTION OF MARRIAGE AND 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 acts
2 of nineteen hundred and thirty-three is hereby
3 amended by inserting in the second line thereof, after
4 the word "births", the words: — or of the notices
5 of intention of marriage and marriage records in cases
6 where pregnancy has occurred prior to filing notice
7 of intention of marriage, — and by striking out the
8 word "birth" in the fifth line thereof, — so that said
9 chapter shall read as follows:— *Section 2A.* Examination
10 tion of records and returns of illegitimate births, or of
11 the notices of intention of marriage and marriage rec-
12 ords in cases where pregnancy has occurred prior to
13 filing notice of intention of marriage, or of copies of such
14 records in the office of the state secretary, shall not be

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