

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, petition of Robert H. Quinn (Attorney General) and Paul Murphy for legislation to remove the requirement of statement of color on certificates of marriage and death. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT OF STATEMENT OF COLOR
ON CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE AND DEATH.

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 46 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 1 as most recently amended by section 1
3 of chapter 358 of the acts of 1968 and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 1.* Each town clerk shall receive or obtain and
6 record the following facts relative to births, marriages and
7 deaths in his town:

8 In the record of births, date of record, date of birth, place
9 of birth, name of child, his sex, names, places of birth and
10 residence of his parents, including the maiden name of the
11 mother and occupation of the father. In the record of birth of
12 an illegitimate child, the name of, and other facts relating to,
13 the father shall not be recorded. The term "illegitimate" shall
14 not be used in the record of a birth of a child to a single
15 woman, nor in the record of such birth to a married woman
16 unless the illegitimacy has been legally determined or has been
17 admitted by the sworn statement of the woman and her
18 husband, or, if the town clerk is satisfied that both the woman
19 and her husband cannot be located, by the sworn statement of
20 either of them and by evidence beyond all reasonable doubt to
21 substantiate such statement, which statement and evidence have
22 been submitted by the town clerk to a judge of probate or to a

23 justice of a district court, and have been approved by such
24 judge or justice.

25 In the record of marriages, date of record, date of marriage,
26 place of marriage, name, residence and official statement of the
27 person by whom solemnized, names and places of birth of the
28 parties married, residence of each, age of each, the number of
29 the marriage (as to first or second) and if previously married,
30 whether widowed or divorced, her maiden name shall also be
31 given.

32 In the record of deaths, date of record, date of death, name
33 of deceased, sex, race, condition (whether single, widowed,
34 married or divorced), supposed age, residence, occupation,
35 place of death, place of birth, names and places of birth of the
36 parents, maiden name of the mother, disease or cause of death,
37 defined so that it can be classified under the international
38 classification of causes of death, place of burial, name of the
39 cemetery, if any, and if deceased was a veteran, as defined in
40 section ten of chapter forty-six, a recital as required by section
41 ten, and if deceased was a married or divorced woman or a
42 widow, her maiden name and the name of her husband. The
43 word "residence," as used in this section, shall be held to
44 include the name of the street and number, if any, of the
45 house.