

By Mr. Carney of Boston, petition of Daniel W. Carney relative to making certain corrective changes in the law requiring the compilation of certain vital statistics by the Commissioner of Public Health. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING A CORRECTIVE CHANGE IN THE LAW REQUIRING THE COMPILATION OF CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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. Section 2 of chapter 111 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by chapter 508, section 2, acts of
3 1964, shall be further amended by striking out the first two
4 sentences in said section and inserting in place thereof the
5 following: —

6 The commissioner shall prepare from birth, marriage and
7 death records made available to him by the state secretary
8 under the provisions of section twenty-one of chapter forty-six,
9 and from the divorce returns made available to him under the
10 provisions of section forty-seven of chapter two hundred and
11 eight, such statistical tables as he deems useful, and shall make
12 annual report thereof to the general court. The commissioner
13 shall return all such birth, marriage, death and divorce records
14 to the state secretary without undue delay.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 208 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 47 as appearing therein and
3 inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 The state secretary shall as soon as it is reasonably practi-
5 cable, make the divorce returns received by him available to
6 the commissioner of public health for the purposes set forth in

7 section two of chapter one hundred and eleven. Upon return of
8 said divorce returns from the commissioner of public health,
9 the state secretary shall prepare an index thereto and shall
10 retain their custody.