
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 17, 1982.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 367) of Raymond A. Rosborough, James F. Frey, Helen F. Jenkins, and Pearl M. Rosborough for legislation to provide that birth information be furnished to a parent or surrogate parent when leaving the hospital; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 374) of Edward L. Burke for legislation relative to the requirement that certain births be recorded as illegitimate; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 375) of Edward L. Burke for legislation relative to the opening of birth records for genealogical research; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 394) of John G. King for legislation to further regulate the facts to be shown on birth certificates; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 419) of John W. Olver, Gregory W. Sullivan, Sharon M. Pollard, George Bachrach and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate auto repair shops; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 424) of Sharon M. Pollard and other members of the General Court for legislation to require the recording of the occupation of each parent on the certificate of birth; so much of the recommendations of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 130) as relates to recodifying the Laws of this Commonwealth relating to the registration of birth, death, marriage and divorce records or reports (accompanied by bill, House, No. 137); the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 355) of Mary Jeanette Murray for legislation to make certain birth records available for genealogical research; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1626) of Barbara E. Gray, Edward L. Burke, David B. Cohen and another relative to the opening of certain birth and marriage records for genealogical research; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1627) of Barbara E. Gray, Edward L. Burke and another relative to transferring certain birth, marriage and death records to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and extending public access to vital

records; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3124) of David B. Cohen relative to the return and registry of births and deaths; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3128) of David B. Cohen and another relative to the disclosure of information on vital statistics; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3129) of David B. Cohen and another relative to transferring certain birth, marriage and death records to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and extending public access to vital records; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3130) of David B. Cohen and another relative to the fraudulent use of birth certificates by unauthorized persons; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3131) of David B. Cohen and another that provision be made for the microfilming of certain birth, death and marriage records in the custody of the Commissioner of Public Health; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3132) of David B. Cohen and another for legislation to regulate the fees for copies of birth, marriage and death records; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3593) of Thomas F. Brownell relative to opening birth records for genealogical research; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3594) of Thomas F. Brownell for legislation to make certain birth records available for genealogical research, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3595) of Thomas F. Brownell for legislation to require that certain records of births, marriages and deaths be transferred to the Secretary of the Commonwealth; reports the accompanying order (Senate, No. 1933).

For the committee,

DENIS L. McKENNA.

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1 *Ordered*, That the Committee on Government Regulations
2 be authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court
3 for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the
4 subject matter of current Senate documents numbered: —
5 367, legislation providing that birth information be furnished
6 to a parent or surrogate parent when leaving the hospital; 374,
7 legislation relative to the requirement that certain births be
8 recorded as illegitimate; 375, legislation concerning opening
9 birth records for genealogical research; 394, legislation fur-
10 ther regulating the facts to be shown on birth certificates;
11 419, legislation regulating auto repair shops; 424, legislation
12 requiring the recording of the occupation of each parent on
13 the certificate of birth; and of the current House documents
14 numbered: — 137, legislation recodifying the laws of this
15 Commonwealth relating to the registration of birth, death,
16 marriage and divorce records or reports; 355, legislation con-
17 cerning opening birth records for genealogical research; 1626,
18 legislation concerning opening birth and marriage records for
19 genealogical research; 1627, legislation transferring certain
20 births, marriages and records to the Secretary of the Com-
21 monwealth and extending public access to vital records; 3124,
22 legislation relative to the disclosure of information about
23 vital statistics; 3129, legislation transferring certain birth,
24 marriage and death records to the Secretary of the Common-
25 weath, and extending access to vital records; 3130, legislation
26 to prevent the fraudulent use of birth certificates by unau-
27 thorized persons; 3131, legislation to provide for the micro-
28 filming of certain records in the custody of the Commissioner
29 of Public Health; 3132, legislation regulating the fee for cop-
30 ies of birth, marriage and death records; 3593, legislation con-
31 cerning opening birth records for genealogical research; 3594,
32 legislation concerning opening birth records for genealogical
33 research; and 3595, legislation transferring the birth, mar-
34 riage and death records from 1841 to 1890 to the Secretary of

35 the Commonwealth.

36 Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the State-
37 house or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel
38 within the Commonwealth, and may expend for clerical and
39 other services and expenses such sums as may be appropriate
40 therefore. Said committee shall report to the General Court
41 the results of its investigation and study, and its recommenda-
42 tions, if any, together with drafts of such legislation necessary
43 to carry such recommendations into effect by filing the same
44 with the clerk of the House on or before the first Wednesday
45 in December, nineteen hundred and eighty-two.