

By Mr. Murphy of Peabody, petition of John E. Murphy, Jr., and another that town clerks be authorized to receive birth certificates of children born outside of the Commonwealth. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERKS TO RECEIVE BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF STATE.

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 striking
2 out section 1B, as amended by section 1 of chapter 12 of the acts
3 of 1965, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 1B.* Any resident of this commonwealth who is the
5 parent of a child born outside the commonwealth may personally
6 present to the town clerk of the town where such parent was
7 domiciled at the time of such birth, or in the case of an adopted
8 child, at the time of such adoption, an original certificate or other
9 written evidence of the birth, and a certified copy of the adoption
10 decree if adopted, or a duly authenticated photostatic copy
11 thereof. The town clerk may file such documents as evidence
12 establishing such birth, or may make a copy thereof, which he
13 shall attest as a true copy, and which he may then file as such
14 evidence.

15 If such evidence is not, in the opinion of the town clerk,
16 sufficient to establish such birth, and he refuses to file the same, a
17 judge of probate in the county where such town lies may, on
18 petition and after a hearing at which the clerk shall have an
19 opportunity to be heard, order him to receive such certificate,
20 written evidence or photostatic copy as sufficient evidence to
21 establish such birth, whereupon such clerk shall file the same.

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The Committee on Education

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