

HOUSE No. 1861

By Mr. Lynch of Barnstable, petition of Thomas K. Lynch, William D. Benson, Samuel Rotondi, Paul D. Harold and John W. Olver relative to the inspection of documents and records of adoption proceedings by certain persons. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS BY 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 Section 5C of chapter 210 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by section 6 of chapter 800 of the acts of 1972, is hereby
3 further amended by adding the following new paragraph: —

4 An adopted child eighteen years of age or older, the adopting
5 parents of said child and the natural parents of said child may,
6 without judicial approval, inspect petitions, reports, pleadings,
7 papers, documents and permanent docket and record books at any
8 time.

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