

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT OF ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT

Registry of Vital Records and Statistics



NOT A PUBLIC RECORD

Name of Court/County:		Docket Number:	TYPE OF JUDGMENT: <input type="checkbox"/> Absolute Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment
Date of this Marriage:	State/Country of Marriage:	Date of Judgment:	Date of Absolute Divorce:
Cause for which divorce or annulment was granted:		Name of Register or other official submitting this form:	

PARTY A

<input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant	1a. Full Name: <i>First</i>		<i>Middle</i>		<i>Last</i>	
	1b. Surname upon Divorce/Annulment		1c. Surname at birth or adoption		2. Date of Birth	
	3. Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	4. SSN		5. Number of this Marriage (<i>1st</i> , <i>2nd</i>):	6. Number of Minor Children in Custody of Party A:	
	7a. Current Residence: # and Street (not a mailing address):					
	7b. City/Town		7c. State/Country		7d. Zip Code	

PARTY B

<input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant	8a. Full Name: <i>First</i>		<i>Middle</i>		<i>Last</i>	
	8b. Surname upon Divorce/Annulment		8c. Surname at birth or adoption		9. Date of Birth	
	10. Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	11. SSN		12. Number of this Marriage (<i>1st</i> , <i>2nd</i>):	13. Number of Minor Children in Custody of Party B:	
	14a. Current Residence: # and Street (not a mailing address):					
	14b. City/Town		14c. State/Country		14d. Zip Code	

CHILDREN OF THIS MARRIAGE

15. Total # <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px;"></div> <i>List full names and dates of birth.</i> <i>Continue on reverse if necessary.</i>	16. Names: <i>First</i>			<i>Middle</i>			<i>Last</i>			17. Date(s) of Birth		
	a.									a.		
	b.									b.		
	c.									c.		
	d.									d.		
	e.									e.		

RVRS USE ONLY

Completing this Form

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

This report is required by G.L. c. 208 §6(b) and 46, and G.L. c. 111 §2 for the creation of a statewide index, for approved statistical and research purposes, and for use by state or federal agencies as allowed by law. This form is not a public record.

Chapter 4: Section 6. Rules for construction of statutes

In construing statutes the following rules shall be observed, unless their observance would involve a construction inconsistent with the manifest intent of the law-making body or repugnant to the context of the same statute: ...

Fourth, ... words of one gender may be construed to include the other gender and the neuter.

Chapter 111: Section 2. Duties of commissioner of public health

... The commissioner shall prepare from the birth, marriage and death records received by him under the provisions of chapter forty-six, and from the divorce returns received by him under the provisions of section forty-six of chapter two hundred and eight, such statistical tables as he deems useful, and shall make annual report thereof to the general court. The commissioner may transmit such information to the appropriate agency of the federal government to participate in the development of a cooperative system for producing uniform statistical information at the federal, state and local level. The commissioner may make further use of such records as he deems useful for administrative and research purposes connected with health programs and population studies. He shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable, cause the birth, marriage and death records to be bound with indexes thereto and shall retain their custody. He shall prepare an alphabetical index of such divorce returns showing the names of the parties, year and number of the judgment and the county in which the divorce occurred.

Chapter 208: Section 6b. Filing of action; statistical report

An action for divorce shall be commenced in probate court by the filing of a complaint. Said complaint shall be accompanied by a statistical report, upon a form prepared by the commissioner of public health and made available through the office of the register of probate, to include the name, residence, date of birth and social security number of each of the parties, the name of the plaintiff, the number of times each of the parties had been married before, if any, the date of the marriage being dissolved, the number of children born of such marriage, if any, the name and date of birth of each such child, the number of minor children in the care and custody of the parties, if any, and such additional information as the commissioner of public health deems useful for statistical and research purposes. The state registrar may make such information available to the IV-D agency as set forth in chapter 119A [MDOR CSE] and such other state or federal agencies as may be required by law.

Chapter 208: Section 23. Resumption of former name by woman

The court granting a divorce may allow a woman to resume her maiden name or that of a former husband.

Chapter 208: Section 46. Statistical reports; additional information

The registers of probate shall receive the statistical reports filed pursuant to section six B; and shall, upon a divorce becoming absolute, add to the information contained therein the date and number of the judgment, the cause for which the divorce was granted, and such additional information as the commissioner of public health deems useful for statistical and research purposes and shall further, on the tenth day of the month following every month in which divorces become absolute, transmit such reports to the commissioner of public health. Any such information forwarded to the commissioner of public health shall not constitute a public record nor be available except as may be necessary for the purposes stated in section two of chapter one hundred and eleven.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION AND TRANSMISSION

- ✓ Complete all relevant items at the time of complaint; add information about date and number of judgment and cause at the time the divorce becomes final. If this form is not completed properly, it will be returned to you for correction.
- ✓ Please type or write neatly. This information will be entered into an electronic index.
- ✓ Do not leave fields blank. If the field cannot be completed (e.g., the number of prior marriages is unknown and cannot be determined) then place dashes ("---") in the field to indicate that it is deliberately left blank.
- ✓ Submit forms on or before the tenth day of the month following every month in which divorces become absolute.

Mail this form to:

Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, Statistics Unit
150 Mount Vernon St., 1st Floor
Dorchester, MA 02125-3105

List any additional children of this marriage, or other relevant information here: