

HOUSE No. 2118

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to improving public safety and the public's right to know.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Josh S. Cutler

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Plymouth

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By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2118) of Josh S. Cutler relative to protecting the privacy of certain disabled persons in police records . Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to improving public safety and the public's right to know.

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. Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 260 of the Acts of
2 2014, is hereby further amended by striking out section 98F, as so appearing, and inserting in
3 place thereof the following section:-

4 Section 98F. Each police department and each college or university to which officers
5 have been appointed pursuant to section 63 of chapter 22C shall make, keep and maintain a daily
6 log, written in a form that can be easily understood, recording, in chronological order, all
7 responses to valid complaints received, crimes reported, the names, addresses of persons arrested
8 and the charges against such persons arrested. All entries in said daily logs shall, unless
9 otherwise provided in law, be public records available without charge to the public during
10 regular business hours and at all other reasonable times; provided, however, that any entry in a
11 log which pertains to a handicapped individual who is physically or mentally incapacitated to the
12 degree that said person is confined to a wheelchair or is bedridden or requires the use of a device

13 designed to provide said person with mobility, shall be kept in a separate log and shall not be a
14 public record nor shall such entry be disclosed to the public.