

HOUSE No. 3202

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 expedited referrals by legislators.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/18/2021</i> |

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3202) of Paul McMurtry relative to the release of information to state legislators by state agencies. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3930 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to expedited referrals by legislators.

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 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 219. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a state agency
3 shall disclose to a state legislator or an authorized staff person of a state legislator, who is
4 reaching out to the agency on behalf of a constituent, personal information about the constituent
5 to the extent necessary for the state legislator or authorized staff person to provide assistance on
6 the behalf of the constituent; provided, however, that the state agency shall not require an
7 authorization for release of information from the constituent or state legislator unless otherwise
8 required by federal law.