

HOUSE No. 3607

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gerard J. Cassidy

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 the exposure of public safety officials to HIV.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3607) of Gerard J. Cassidy relative to the exposure of public safety officials to HIV. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2251 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the exposure of public safety officials to HIV.

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. Section 70F of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth paragraph the following
3 paragraph:-

4 It shall not be a violation of this section for any facility, physician or health care provider
5 to test any person for the presence of the HIV antibody or antigen in compliance with a court
6 order issued pursuant to section 70I.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
8 section 70H the following section:-

9 70I. Any law enforcement officer as defined in section 116C of chapter 6 of the General
10 Laws, healthcare provider, firefighter, EMS personnel, or paramedic who, in the course of his or

11 her official duties, has been exposed to the transfer of blood, semen, or other bodily fluid of
12 another person may petition a justice of the superior court for an order compelling the testing of
13 that other person for the HIV antibody or antigen. The results of that test shall only be shared
14 with the exposed law enforcement officer, healthcare provider, firefighter, EMS personnel, or
15 paramedic and his or her medical care provider.