

HOUSE No. 4201

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher J. Donelan

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to privacy in daily police logs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Christopher J. Donelan	2nd Franklin
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PRIVACY IN DAILY POLICE LOGS.

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 98F of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after the word “public” in line 15, the following
3 words:-
4 ; provided, further, that any entry in a log that pertains to a summons or warrant for arrest of a
5 person who is the subject of a petition for an order of commitment for alcohol or substance abuse
6 under section 35 of chapter 123 or for the hospitalization or commitment of a person alleged to
7 be suffering from mental illness under section 12 of said chapter 123, shall be kept in a separate
8 log and shall not be public record, nor shall such entry be disclosed to the public.
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