

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 00057**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Kay Khan*

*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 the disclosure of information held by the Disabled Persons Protection Commission .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>John P. Fresolo</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 57) of Kay Khan and others relative to the disclosure of certain information by the Disabled Persons Protection Commission. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 142 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the disclosure of information held by the Disabled Persons Protection Commission .

*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 19C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by adding after section 3 the following section:
- 3 §3A. DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS
- 4 A) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all records containing personal data which are
- 5 created, collected, used, maintained or disseminated pursuant to this chapter shall not be public
- 6 records, and shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 66A, the notice provisions of section
- 7 63 of chapter 30 and the enforcement provisions of section 3B of chapter 214.

8 B) Any employee of the commission or a designated agency who violates the provisions of  
9 chapter 66A, as modified by this section, with respect to records created or maintained under this  
10 chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or if harm shall have resulted to any  
11 one whose privacy was sought to be protected by the provision violated, by a fine of not more  
12 than \$1,000, and if such employee is employed by the commonwealth, he shall also be subject to  
13 administrative disciplinary action pursuant to regulations adopted by the commission under  
14 section 3 of this chapter.

15 C) No provision of chapter 66A, section 135 of chapter 112 or this section relating to  
16 confidential data or confidential communications shall prohibit the commission from making  
17 reports to a district attorney, the attorney general, the United States attorney or a designated  
18 agency pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. No person providing notification or  
19 information to a district attorney, the attorney general, the United States attorney or a designated  
20 agency or testimony in any judicial or non-judicial proceeding pursuant to the provisions of this  
21 section shall be liable in any civil or criminal action by reason of such action.

22 D) Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the prosecutorial power of a district attorney, the  
23 attorney general or the United States attorney.