

HOUSE No. 00632

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

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 exposure of public safety officials to the AIDS virus and infectious hepatitis.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jay Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Binienda</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas P. Kennedy</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>John Hart, Jr.</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition (accompanied by Bill, House, No. 00632) of Martin J. Walsh and others for legislation relative to the exposure of public safety officials to the AIDS virus or infectious hepatitis. Joint Committee on Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 2183 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the exposure of public safety officials to the AIDS virus and infectious hepatitis.

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 is hereby amended in the title by striking out
2 "HLTV-III" and inserting in place thereof: "HTLV-III" and by adding the following: "HBV and
3 HCV Tests". Paragraph one of Section 70F of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in
4 the 1990 Official Edition, shall be amended by inserting at the beginning of the first sentence,
5 before the words "No health care facility," the following: - (a) Except as herein provided.

6 SECTION 2. Section 70F of Chapter 111 of the General Laws shall be further amended by
7 inserting after the fourth paragraph the following: - (b) Provided, however, that a police officer,
8 correction officer or other law enforcement official, fire fighter, emergency medical technician or

9 medical personnel, or other public safety official, who, in the course of his official duties, is
10 bitten or scratched by a person, is stabbed or scratched by a hypodermic needle in the possession
11 of that person, or is otherwise exposed to the transfer of blood, semen, or other bodily substance
12 on, upon, or through his skin or membranes by that person, and where that person is the subject
13 of a criminal complaint or indictment, the exposed official may petition the court having
14 jurisdiction of the complaint or indictment to be tested for the HTLV-III, HBV and HCV
15 antibody or antigen. The court shall promptly conduct a hearing upon any such petition. If the
16 court finds a fact that there was a transfer of blood, semen, or other bodily substances, the court
17 shall order the HTLV-III, HBV and HCV test of the subject. A copy of the test results shall be
18 sent by the testing facility to the court. The court shall issue the test results to the subject of the
19 complaint or indictment, the petitioner, and, if the subject is incarcerated or detained, the officer
20 in charge and the chief medical officer of the facility in which the subject is incarcerated or
21 detained. The test results thereafter are to be impounded. No health care facility shall be liable
22 for release of HTLV-III, HBV and HCV test results pursuant to a court order under this section.
23 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.