

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1235**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger***

*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 limiting the retention of fingerprints.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*William N. Brownsberger*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1235) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation to limit the retention of fingerprints. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act limiting the retention of fingerprints.

*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 167A of Chapter 6 is hereby amended in subsection (e) by inserting the following  
2 after the words “Fair Credit Reporting Acts”:-

3 “; provided further, that fingerprints originally obtained by a state agency for purposes of  
4 a background check required by Chapter 459 of the Acts of 2012, as amended by Chapter 77 of  
5 the Acts of 2013, or by Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2014, shall be expunged from all state records  
6 after the person has ended his or her employment or service necessitating said background check;  
7 and provided further, that applicants subject to a background check required by Chapter 459 of  
8 the Acts of 2012, as amended by Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2013, or by Chapter 234, shall be  
9 given information explaining for what and by whom their fingerprints will be retained”.