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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 public records requests.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Diana DiZoglio	*14th Essex*
Shawn Dooley	*9th Norfolk*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*

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By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1265) of Diana DiZoglio, Shawn Dooley and Benjamin Swan relative to the penalties for violations of the public records law. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1294* OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to public records requests.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in, in line 8, the words “twenty dollars” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-$ 100.

SECTION 2. Section 15 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence: Any person who brings a successful claim for the production of public records under this chapter shall be entitled to recover his or her reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

8 SECTION 3. Section 17 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
9 amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “twenty dollars” and inserting in place thereof the
10 following figure:- $100.

11 SECTION 4. Section 17 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
12 further amended by adding the following sentence: Any person who brings a successful claim
13 for the production of public records under this chapter shall be entitled to recover his or her
14 reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.