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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to the exposure of public safety officials to the aids virus..

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. Paragraph one of Section 7_OF of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, shall be amended by inserting at the beginning of the first sentence, before the words "No health care facility," the following: — (a) Except as herein provided.

SECTION 2. Section 70F of Chapter 111 of the General Laws shall be further amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following: — (b) Provided, however, that a police officer or other law enforcement official, fire fighter, emergency medical technician or medical personnel, or other public safety official, who, in the course of his official duties, is bitten or scratched by a person, is stabbed or scratched by a hypodermic needle in the possession of that person, or is otherwise exposed to the transfer of blood, semen, or other bodily fluid on, upon, or through, his skin or membranes by that person, and where that person is the subject of a criminal complaint or indictment, the exposed official may petition the court having jurisdiction of the complaint or indictment for an order compelling the subject of the complaint or indictment to be tested for the HLTV-III antibody or antigen.