

SENATE No. 904

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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 protecting a union agent and union member..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Steven A. Tolman

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By Mr. Tolman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 904) of Steven A. Tolman for legislation to protect a union agent and union member. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1839 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act protecting a union agent and union member..

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
2 contrary, a union agent, during the agency or representative relationship or after termination of
3 the agency or representative relationship with the bargaining unit member, shall not be
4 compelled to disclose, in any court or to any administrative board or agency arbitration or
5 proceeding, whether civil or criminal, any information he or she may have acquired in attending
6 to his or her professional duties or while acting in his or her representative capacity.

7 A union agent may use or reveal information obtained during the course of
8 fulfilling his or her professional representative duties:

9 (1) to the extent it appears necessary to prevent the commission of a crime that
10 is likely to result in a clear, imminent risk of serious physical injury or death of another person;

11 (2) in actions, civil or criminal, against the union agent in his or her personal or
12 official representative capacity, or against the local union or subordinate body thereof or
13 international union or affiliated or subordinate body thereof or any agent thereof in their personal
14 or official representative capacities;

15 (3) when required by court order; or

16 (4) when, after full disclosure has been provided, the written or oral consent of
17 the bargaining unit member has been obtained or, if the bargaining unit member is deceased or
18 has been adjudged incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction, the written or oral consent
19 of the bargaining unit member's estate.