

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2107

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Martin J. Walsh***

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

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	
<i>John J. Binienda</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2107) of Martin J. Walsh, Louis L. Kafka and John J. Binienda relative to the exposure of public safety officials to the AIDS virus or infectious hepatitis. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 632 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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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.