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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***F. Jay Barrows*, (BY REQUEST)**

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 street listings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Dorothy Lee Desmarais		*1/18/2013*

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By Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3307) of Dorothy Lee Desmarais for legislation to allow citizens to opt out of publishing their street listing information and retain their right to vote. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to public street listings.

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 4 of chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

(f) The name and address of any person who provides the registrars with sufficient evidence that he or she is more likely to be a victim of a crime as a result of being listed, including but not limited to breaking and entering, stalking, or harassment, shall not appear on the street list and such names shall not be disclosed to any person. The fact that the person lives alone, the person works long or irregular hours as indicated by their listed occupation, the person's residence was previously broken into, or the person was previously the victim of a crime in his or her residence, may be considered sufficient evidence. The person may provide police reports that document past alleged crimes to the registrar.

SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 51, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth sentences and inserting in place thereof the following sentences:-

On or before June 15th in each year, the registrars in all cities and towns shall cause a sufficient number of such lists to be printed, typed or mimeographed so as to furnish such lists, upon request, to local emergency medical services, the fire department, the police department, or other municipal agencies that require the information to perform a municipal function. Such lists shall not be accessed by any entity, organization, committee or individual not listed in this section.

SECTION 3. Section 7 of said chapter 51, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amending by striking out, in lines 1-2, the words “public officers”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- local emergency medical services, the fire department, the police department, or municipal agencies that require the information to perform a municipal function.

SECTION 4. Said section 7 of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the third and fourth sentences.