

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1519**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Richard T. Moore***

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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 to promote the timely release of public records.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Richard T. Moore*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1519) of Richard T. Moore for legislation to promote the timely release of public records. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to promote the timely release of public records.

*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 15 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking said section in its entirety and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following:-

4            .Section 15. Whoever unlawfully keeps in his possession any public record or removes it  
5 from the room where it is usually kept, or alters, defaces, mutilates or destroys any public record  
6 or violates any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more  
7 than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year. Any public officer or  
8 individual who refuses or neglects to perform any duty required of him by this chapter shall, for  
9 each day of such neglect or refusal, be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.