

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1265**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Diana DiZoglio***

*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 records requests.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/22/2015</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>9/16/2019</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1265) of Diana DiZoglio, Shawn Dooley and Benjamin Swan relative to the penalties for violations of the public records law. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1294 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to public records requests.

*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 out in, in line 8, the words “twenty dollars” and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following figure:-\$ 100.

4           SECTION 2. Section 15 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 further amended by adding the following sentence: Any person who brings a successful claim  
6 for the production of public records under this chapter shall be entitled to recover his or her  
7 reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

8           SECTION 3. Section 17 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
9 amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “twenty dollars” and inserting in place thereof the  
10 following figure:- \$100.

11           SECTION 4. Section 17 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
12 further amended by adding the following sentence: Any person who brings a successful claim  
13 for the production of public records under this chapter shall be entitled to recover his or her  
14 reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.