

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2118**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Josh S. Cutler*

*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 improving public safety and the public's right to know.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2118) of Josh S. Cutler relative to protecting the privacy of certain disabled persons in police records. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to improving public safety and the public's right to know.

*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. Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 260 of the Acts of  
2 2014, is hereby further amended by striking out section 98F, as so appearing, and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following section:-

4 Section 98F. Each police department and each college or university to which officers  
5 have been appointed pursuant to section 63 of chapter 22C shall make, keep and maintain a daily  
6 log, written in a form that can be easily understood, recording, in chronological order, all  
7 responses to valid complaints received, crimes reported, the names, addresses of persons arrested  
8 and the charges against such persons arrested. All entries in said daily logs shall, unless  
9 otherwise provided in law, be public records available without charge to the public during  
10 regular business hours and at all other reasonable times; provided, however, that any entry in a  
11 log which pertains to a handicapped individual who is physically or mentally incapacitated to the  
12 degree that said person is confined to a wheelchair or is bedridden or requires the use of a device

- 13 designed to provide said person with mobility, shall be kept in a separate log and shall not be a
- 14 public record nor shall such entry be disclosed to the public.