

SENATE No. 1235

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger

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 limiting the retention of fingerprints.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

William N. Brownsberger

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1235) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation to limit the retention of fingerprints. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act limiting the retention of fingerprints.

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 167A of Chapter 6 is hereby amended in subsection (e) by inserting the following
2 after the words “Fair Credit Reporting Acts”:-

3 “; provided further, that fingerprints originally obtained by a state agency for purposes of
4 a background check required by Chapter 459 of the Acts of 2012, as amended by Chapter 77 of
5 the Acts of 2013, or by Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2014, shall be expunged from all state records
6 after the person has ended his or her employment or service necessitating said background check;
7 and provided further, that applicants subject to a background check required by Chapter 459 of
8 the Acts of 2012, as amended by Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2013, or by Chapter 234, shall be
9 given information explaining for what and by whom their fingerprints will be retained”.