

SENATE No. 846

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian A. Joyce

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 requiring police notification to certain neighbors of level 2 sex offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brian A. Joyce

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth

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By Mr. Joyce, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 846) of Brian A. Joyce for legislation to require police notification to certain neighbors of level 2 sex offenders. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 745 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act requiring police notification to certain neighbors of level 2 sex offenders.

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 178K of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “Investigation.”, in line 124, the following
3 sentences:- The police department in the municipality where a level 2 offender’s primary
4 residence, and secondary residence if any, is located shall provide notice to all immediate
5 abutters of the following information: the name of the offender, his home address, work address,
6 the offense(s) and date(s) for which the offender was convicted or adjudicated, the offender’s
7 age, sex, race, height, weight, eye and hair color and a photograph of the offender, if available.
8 Such notice shall include a warning regarding the criminal penalties for use of sex offender
9 registry information to commit a crime or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of an
10 offender and the punishment for threatening to commit a crime under section 4 of chapter 275.