

HOUSE No. 3930

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 a legislator's referral powers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3930) of Paul McMurtry relative to the release of information to state legislators by state agencies. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to a legislator's referral powers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 219. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a state agency
3 shall disclose to a state legislator or an authorized staff person of a state legislator, who is
4 reaching out to the agency on behalf of a constituent, personal information about the constituent
5 to the extent necessary for the state legislator or authorized staff person to provide assistance on
6 the behalf of the constituent; provided, however, that the state agency shall not require an
7 authorization for release of information from the constituent or state legislator unless otherwise
8 required by federal law.