

**SENATE . . . . . No. 854**

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**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 relative to obsolete court records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*William N. Brownsberger*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 854) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to obsolete court records. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to obsolete court records.

*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 27A of Chapter 221 of the General Laws, as amended by Section  
2   124 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015, is hereby further amended in paragraph (1) by adding at  
3   the end there of the following:- “The Supreme Judicial Court may by rule or order make  
4   exceptions to this ten year retention requirement for papers filed in or relating to matters  
5   involving alleged violations of laws, rules or regulations regarding motor vehicle civil  
6   infractions, motor vehicle parking, littering, bicycles, pedestrians, municipal dog control, or non-  
7   criminal dispositions of municipal ordinance or by-law violations, or other non-criminal  
8   regulatory offenses.”