

SENATE No. 854

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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.”