

HOUSE No. 1496

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward F. Coppinger

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 personal information.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1496) of Edward F. Coppinger and others relative to releasing personal information of police officers. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3257 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to personal information.

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. Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3 Section 98H. No person, business, or association shall publicly post or publicly display
4 on the internet or make publicly available in any manner the personal information of any police
5 officer, said police officer’s residing spouse or said police officer’s child without the consent of
6 said police officer. Personal information shall mean a home address, home telephone number,
7 personal mobile telephone number, pager number, personal email address, personal photographs,
8 or information on the personal vehicle registered to said individual. A violation of this section
9 shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a

- 10 house of corrections for not more than two and one-half years, or by both such fine and
- 11 imprisonment.