

HOUSE No. 3135

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 limiting public records requests.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3135) of Shawn Dooley relative to limiting public records requests. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act relative to limiting public records requests.

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 10 of Chapter 66 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding after the last paragraph of subsection (c) the following paragraph:-
3 "A public records request must be for identifiable records. A request for all or substantially all
4 records prepared, owned, used, or retained by an agency is not a valid request for identifiable
5 records under this chapter, provided that a request for all records regarding a particular topic or
6 containing a particular keyword or name shall not be considered a request for all of an agency's
7 records."

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