

HOUSE No. 1787

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chynah Tyler and Samantha Montaña

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 automatically sealing cannabis records and promoting uniform digital record keeping.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaña</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/4/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>4/4/2023</i>

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By Representatives Tyler of Boston and Montañó of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1787) of Chynah Tyler, Samantha Montañó and others relative to sealing cannabis records and promoting uniform digital record keeping. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act automatically sealing cannabis records and promoting uniform digital record keeping.

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 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 100K ¼
2 the following section:-

3 SECTION 100K ½ (a) Massachusetts courts shall seal all records created as a result of a
4 criminal court appearance, juvenile court appearance or disposition for: (1) the possession or
5 cultivation of an amount of marijuana decriminalized by chapter 387 of the acts of 2008; (2) the
6 possession or cultivation of an amount of marijuana decriminalized by chapter 334 of the acts of
7 2016; (3) the possession or cultivation of an amount of marijuana decriminalized by chapter 55
8 of the acts of 2017; (4) possession of marijuana with intent to distribute based on an amount of
9 marijuana decriminalized by chapter 387 of the acts of 2008, chapter 334 of the acts of 2016 or
10 chapter 55 of the acts of 2017; or (5) distribution of marijuana based on an amount of marijuana
11 decriminalized by chapter 387 of the acts of 2008, chapter 334 of the acts of 2016 or chapter 55
12 of the acts of 2017.

13 (b) Massachusetts courts shall leverage all available financial resources to create uniform
14 and digitized record keeping processes that enable automatic sealing of records related to
15 criminal court appearance, juvenile court appearance or disposition should criminal penalties
16 associated with such appearances and hearings and dispositions be removed from state law.