SENATE No. 1503

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sal N. DiDomenico

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 regulating access to the disclosure of certain police reports.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Sal N. DiDomenicoMiddlesex and Suffolk

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1503) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation relative to the disclosure of certain police reports. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1571 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regulating access to the disclosure of certain police reports.

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 97D of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:- "If a police
- 3 officer receives a request for such access from an advocate or counselor not specifically
- 4 authorized by the victim to obtain such information, the police department shall make a
- 5 reasonable attempt to notify the victim."
- 6 Said section 97D, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following
- 7 paragraph:-
- 8 In this section, the term "police officer" shall mean a regular police officer or a special
- 9 officer appointed pursuant to section 63 of chapter 22C.