

**SENATE . . . . . No. 35**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Paul W. Mark*

*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 protecting against cyber ransom.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Paul W. Mark*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and  
Hampshire*

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By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 35) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to protect against cyber ransom. Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act protecting against cyber ransom.

*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 7D of the General Laws is hereby amended in Section 7 by adding the following  
2 subsections:-

3 (e) No State agency, local government entity, or municipality shall submit payment or  
4 otherwise communicate with an entity that has engaged in a cybersecurity incident on an  
5 information technology system by encrypting data and then subsequently offering to decrypt that  
6 data in exchange for a ransom payment.

7 (f) Any State agency or local government entity experiencing a ransom request in  
8 connection with a cybersecurity incident shall report to and consult with the CIO.