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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Jay D. Livingstone***

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*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 to protect library patron privacy.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act to protect library patron privacy.

*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. Section 7 of chapter 78 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 the third sentence.

3 SECTION 2. Said chapter 78 is hereby amended by inserting after section 7 the following  
4 section:-

5 Section 7A.

6 That part of the records of a public library which reveals the identity and intellectual  
7 pursuits of a person using such library shall not be a public record as defined by clause Twenty-  
8 sixth of section seven of chapter four. Access to such part of such library records shall be granted  
9 only with a warrant issued pursuant to chapter 276 or under exigent circumstances.

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