

SENATE No. 42

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. 42) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to protect against cyber ransom. Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 35 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended in Section 7 by adding the following 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.