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SENATE . . . . . No. 1519

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act to promote the timely release of public records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard T. Moore	*Worcester and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1519) of Richard T. Moore for legislation to promote the timely release of public records. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act to promote the timely release of public records.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

.SECTION 1. Section 15 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking said section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

.Section 15. Whoever unlawfully keeps in his possession any public record or removes it from the room where it is usually kept, or alters, defaces, mutilates or destroys any public record or violates any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year. Any public officer or individual who refuses or neglects to perform any duty required of him by this chapter shall, for each day of such neglect or refusal, be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.