

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 bill:

An Act allowing local housing authorities access to criminal and other records of tenants and prospective tenants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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1st Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ALLOWING LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES ACCESS TO CRIMINAL AND OTHER
RECORDS OF TENANTS AND PROSPECTIVE TENANTS..

*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 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after paragraph (a) the following new paragraph:—
3 (b) Local housing authorities are allowed access to criminal offender records information that indicates the arrest
4 and conviction records and any tenants and prospective tenants. Such local housing authorities shall also have access
5 to all information relative to any pending criminal charges, restraining orders in effect or previously in effect and
6 any protective or custody actions taken against such tenants or prospective tenants by the department of social
7 services. Nothing in this act shall be construed as an infringement on personal privacy and in no case shall a local
8 housing authority be responsible for any liability arising from the access and use of the aforesaid records for the
9 purpose of evaluating tenants or prospective tenants and their suitability for housing under the jurisdiction of the
10 authority.

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