

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo M. Scaccia

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 relating to the exemptions to the public records law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk
William F. Galvin	Secretary of the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXEMPTIONS TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW.

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 Section 7(26)(s) of chapter 4 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

2 SECTION 2. Section 7(26)(g) of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
3 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subclause (g) and replacing it with the following paragraph:

4 (g) trade secrets or commercial financial, or proprietary information provided upon a promise of
5 confidentiality to a public entity for use in developing governmental policy or in furtherance of
6 necessary governmental functions, the disclosure of which would compromise the entity's
7 performance of the public function;

8 SECTION 3. Section 1 of chapter 303 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
9 striking after the word contract, in lines 98 and 99, the following language:-

10 “; provided, further, that for any such contract determined to contain confidential information
11 under subclause (r) of section 7 of chapter 4, the governmental body shall instead maintain a
12 record of the procurement processes and awards for 6 years after the date of the final
13 payment.”

14 and inserting in place thereof the following language:-

15 “; provided, further, that for any such contract determined to contain confidential information
16 under subclause (g) of section 7 of chapter 4, the governmental body shall instead maintain a
17 record of the procurement processes and awards for 6 years after the date of the final
18 payment.”

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