

HOUSE No. 889

By Mr. Di Vitto of Milford (by request), petition of John B. Nordgren relative to the regulation and control of records concerning persons found guilty of misdemeanors or felonies. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT TO REGULATE AND CONTROL AND RELATING TO CERTAIN RECORDS CONCERNING PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OF CERTAIN MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES.

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. No police officer, probation officer or
2 clerk of courts shall in any way take, retain or keep
3 any record of any parking violation after disposition
4 by a court.

1 SECTION 2. No judge of any court, police officer,
2 probation officer or clerk of courts shall refer, ask
3 or inquire of anyone whatsoever regarding or con-
4 cerning any other parking violation than the one at
5 bar or trial.

1 SECTION 3. No judge of any court, police officer,
2 probation officer or clerk of courts or anyone else

3 shall keep or retain or refer to in any way, shape or
4 manner any record of a misdemeanor over five years
5 old, and of a felony over ten years old.

1 SECTION 4. Anyone violating any of the above
2 three sections shall be fined a minimum of ten dollars
3 for each offence, but not more than a hundred dollars
4 for each offence.

1 SECTION 5. When anyone within the common-
2 wealth of Massachusetts has been found guilty and
3 the case has been placed on file or on probation or
4 suspended sentence, as soon as the length of time
5 relating to the case on file or on probation or sus-
6 pended sentence has expired no record from then on,
7 relating to above, shall be kept. Anyone violating
8 this section shall be penalized as provided for in
9 section four of this act.