

HOUSE No. 3436

Substituted by the House, on recommendation of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and as amended by Mr. Randall of Framingham, for a Bill relative to the accumulation of certain information concerning criminal activities by the Commissioner of Public Safety (House, No. 2807). May 1.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

AN ACT EXPEDITING THE ACCUMULATION OF CERTAIN DATA RELATIVE TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 4A of chapter 147 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by adding at
3 the end the following three paragraphs:—

4 The chief police officer of every law enforcement agency or
5 political subdivision of the commonwealth, including county
6 bureaus of criminal investigation, shall cause to be forwarded
7 to the department of public safety copies of all available finger-
8 prints, photographs, descriptions and samples of handwriting,
9 including signatures, of persons who have been arrested for a
10 felonious crime punishable by five years or more in a Massachu-
11 setts correctional institution by such authorities.

12 Every such chief police officer, except in the city of Boston,
13 shall cause a report of each unsolved felony within his jurisdic-
14 tion which remains unsolved for a period of thirty days or more
15 to be forwarded by teletypewriter or by other expedient means
16 to said department.

17 The commissioner shall establish within such department a
18 central file containing a compilation of such unsolved felonies.

