

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3577

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By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition of Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to regulate the disposal of old court papers and records. The Judiciary.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSAL OF OLD COURT PAPERS AND RECORDS.

*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 27A of Chapter 221 of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by Section 3 of Chapter 705 of the Acts  
3 of 1973, is hereby amended in subsection (1) by striking the word  
4 "twenty" as it appears in both places in said subsection, and  
5 inserting in place thereof the word "ten".

1 SECTION 2. Section 27A of Chapter 221 of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by Section 3 of Chapter 705 of the Acts  
3 of 1973, is hereby amended in subsection (1) by adding the  
4 following sentence at the end of said subsection: —  
5 "However, the chief administrative justice may order the  
6 destruction of such papers before ten years have elapsed if  
7 appropriate."

