

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM F. WELD  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.322

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMPUTER CRIME

WHEREAS, the development of computer technology, has also resulted in the concomitant proliferation of computer crime and other forms of unauthorized access to computers, computer systems and computer data; and

WHEREAS, computer technology has also given rise to new communication interests and property interests of great importance to the citizens and industries of the Commonwealth and

WHEREAS, the integrity of computer systems must be protected in a manner that ensures the health, welfare and safety of individuals, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William F. Weld, Governor of the Commonwealth, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supreme Executive Magistrate, do hereby establish a commission on computer technology and law, and order as follows:

1. The commission shall consist of nineteen members who shall serve without compensation. The membership of the commission shall consist of the attorney general or his designee, the secretary of the executive office of economic affairs or his designee, the senate chair of the joint committee on criminal justice or his designee, the house chair of the joint committee on criminal justice or his designee and ifiteen persons appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a representative from each of the following organizations to be selected from a list of recommendations provided by that organization: the Massachusetts High-tech Council, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association, the state council of the AFL-CIO, and the Boston Computer Society, one representative from the financial services industry, one representative of the telecommunications industry, one major commercial user, two representatives from the Massachusetts Computer Software Council, two district attorneys or their designees, one chief of police of a city or town in the commonwealth, one representative from an institution of higher education and one representative with expertise in the defense of civil liberties in the commonwealth. The Governor shall designate the chair of the commission.

2. The commission shall investigate the legitimate communication, privacy, law enforcement and property interests of individuals, businesses and governmental entities within the commonwealth implicated by the new computer technologies and shall evaluate the sufficiency of existing Massachusetts law to protect and preserve those interests.

3. The commission shall report to the governor the results of its investigation and study, and recommendations, if any, together with proposed legislation to implement said recommendations. Said report shall be filed with the Governor on or before September 15, 1992.

Given at the Executive Chamber  
in Boston this 27th day of  
January in the year of our  
Lord one thousand nine hundred  
and ninety-two.

William F. Weld, Governor  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Michael Joseph Connolly  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS