

SENATE No. 1575

By Mr. Aylmer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1575) of John F. Aylmer and Thomas K. Lynch for legislation to provide the privacy of rental assistance information. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine.

AN ACT PROVIDING THE PRIVACY OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 121B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after Section 32A the following new section: —
- 3 32B. The public disclosure of the identification of the re-
- 4 cipients of rental assistance, including the address and loca-
- 5 tion of their residences or the identification of the location
- 6 of scattered units in any rental assistance program either
- 7 federal, state or local in which the occupants are receiving
- 8 federal, state, or local financial assistance, directly or indi-
- 9 rectly, is hereby prohibited; and it shall not be a violation
- 10 of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 66 or 66A for the
- 11 department or a local housing authority to refuse to disclose
- 12 any information which could directly or indirectly lead to the
- 13 identity of those persons receiving rental assistance within a
- 14 community.

