

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1690

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By Mr. Sisitsky, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1690) of Alan D. Sisitsky for legislation relative to the issuance of third party search warrants. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIRD PARTY SEARCH WARRANTS.

*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 of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended by Chapter 508 of the Acts of 1974, is  
3 hereby amended in the last paragraph thereof by changing  
4 the period at the end to a comma and adding the following  
5 words: — “but no search or seizure without a warrant shall  
6 be conducted, and no warrant shall issue for the search or  
7 seizure of any property or articles in the possession of any  
8 person who is engaged in the gathering or dissemination of  
9 news for the print or broadcast media or who is a psycho-  
10 therapist, lawyer, clergyman or other professional person who  
11 is known to have, or may reasonably be assumed to have, a  
12 relationship with any other person which is the subject of a  
13 testimonial privilege; but this provision shall not impair or  
14 affect the ability, pursuant to otherwise applicable law, to  
15 search or seizure without a warrant or to issue a warrant for  
16 the search or seizure of any property or articles where there  
17 is probable cause to believe that the person in possession of  
18 such property or articles has committed a criminal offense.”

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