

By Ms. Evans of Wayland (by request), petition of Curtis Chambers relative to the privacy of records of victims of violent crimes. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW.

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 18 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph: —

4 No records of any police department of the commonwealth or
5 its political subdivisions which provides the name or address or
6 telephone number or place of employment or education of the
7 victim of a violent crime of a person who has been threatened
8 with violence or the name or address or telephone number or
9 place of employment or education of any person residing in the
10 household of such victim or threatened person shall be a public
11 record not shall such information be released to any entity or
12 individual, government or private, which may have reason or
13 cause to release such information to a known defendant or sus-
14 spect. For the purposes of this paragraph violent crime shall
15 include but not be limited to stalking, assault and battery, robbery,
16 illegal eviction, kidnapping, extortion and terrorist threats.

