

Accompanying the fourth recommendation of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (House, No. 93). Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAINTAINING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT SAFETY OR HEALTH VIOLATIONS.

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 6 of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:—

4 The identity of any person who reports to the department or the
5 attorney general any suspected violation of this section or a regu-
6 lation promulgated or a rule or order issued hereunder shall be
7 kept confidential by the department or the attorney general and
8 held for the exclusive use of the department or the attorney
9 general and shall not be subject to the provisions of either M.G.L.
10 c. 4, s. 7, cl. 26 or M.G.L. c. 66, s. 10, provided, however, that
11 nothing shall prohibit the department or the attorney general from
12 disclosing information concerning the nature of the violation
13 reported.

1 SECTION 2. Section 6A of Chapter 149 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:—

4 The identity of any person who reports to the department any
5 suspected violation of this section or a regulation promulgated or
6 a rule or order issued hereunder shall be kept confidential by the
7 department and held for the exclusive use of the department and
8 shall not be subject to the provisions of either M.G.L. c. 4, s. 7,

9 cl. 26 or M.G.L. c. 66, s. 10, provided, however, that nothing shall
10 prohibit the department from disclosing information concerning
11 the nature of the violation reported.