

Accompanying the twenty-first recommendation of the Executive Office of Public Safety (House, No. 173). Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF DIGITIZED OR COMPUTERIZED IMAGES FOR CERTAIN OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1994
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 30B
3 the following new section:—

4 Section 30B½. Disclosure of digitized or computerized images
5 maintained by the registrar.

6 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special
7 law to the contrary, the registrar shall not disclose to any person
8 any digitized or computerized image of any individual maintained
9 by the registrar except in accordance with the following provi-
10 sions:

11 (a) to any criminal justice agency, as defined in section one
12 hundred and sixty-seven of chapter six, for any purpose associated
13 with the official duties or responsibilities of such agency;

14 (b) to any state or federal trial court for any purpose associated
15 with the official duties or responsibilities of such trial courts; and

16 (c) to any federal, state, or local governmental agency other
17 than a law enforcement or criminal justice agency, provided, how-
18 ever, that such information shall only be used to identify individ-
19 uals seeking official services from such agencies or to deter fraud
20 in obtaining or attempting to obtain such services.

21 The restrictions upon the disclosure of digitized or computer-
22 ized images as provided in this section shall cease upon the death
23 of the person to whom the digitized or computerized image refers.

