

HOUSE No. 5566

By Mr. Flaherty, petition of Michael F. Flaherty and another relative to the availability of certain public information. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PERTAINING TO PUBLIC 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 SECTION 1. Paragraph (6) of Section 10 of Chapter 66 is
2 amended by striking the words "comply with" in the first sentence
3 and inserting in place thereof the words: —
4 "reply to".

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph (6) of Section 10 of Chapter 66 is
2 further amended by striking the last two sentences and inserting in
3 place thereof the following sentences —
4 The administrative remedy available in this section shall be
5 exhausted prior to the institution of judicial action by any person
6 requesting a public record. If a custodian of a public record refuses
7 or fails to comply with the order of the keeper of records under this
8 section, the Supreme Judicial or Superior Court shall have juris-
9 diction to review such request.

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