
By Mr. Carr of Boston (by request), petition of Charles E. McDonald for legislation to regulate further the use of probation records. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING PROBATION RECORDS.

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 4A of chapter 279 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

3 *Section 4A.* Before disposition by sentence or
4 placing on file or probation of any criminal prosecution
5 for an offence punishable by imprisonment for one
6 year or more, the court shall obtain from its probation
7 officer all available information relative to prior
8 criminal prosecutions, if any, of the defendant, and
9 to the disposition of each such prosecution, if any,
10 of the defendant and to the disposition of each such
11 prosecution. Such record of the probation officer
12 presented to the court shall not contain as part thereof
13 any information of prior criminal prosecutions, if
14 any, of the defendant wherein the defendant was
15 found not guilty by the court or jury in said criminal
16 prosecution, or of any information of criminal prose-
17 cutions that took place fifteen years prior to the
18 date said defendant appears in court.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ON FEBRUARY 22, 1850

WASHINGTON: GPO: 1850