

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, petition of Patricia A. Walrath and Carol C. Clevon relative to the disclosure of medical records and credit services. Banks and Banking.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS AND CREDIT SERVICES.

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 51 of chapter 93 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting at the end thereof the following clause: —

4 (4) In furnishing medical information, as defined in section
5 fifty, a reporting agency shall give notice to the consumer that
6 such information was issued. Said notice, sent by mail within
7 seven days of such issuance, shall contain the date of issue, the
8 name of the party to whom it was issued, and a statement, in bold
9 type on said notice that the consumer has a right to receive such
10 a notice, has obtained consent therefor and that the consumer has
11 a right to contest the accuracy of the contents thereof. This
12 provision shall apply to any reporting agency having an office in
13 the commonwealth or any out-of-state agency if any of the
14 information contained in the reports has been obtained from any
15 source which has a place of business in the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Section 56 of said chapter 93, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after clause (3) the following
3 clause: —

4 (4) A notice to the consumer, by mail, within seven days,
5 whenever a reporting agency issues any report, that such a report
6 was issued. Said notice shall contain the date of issue, the name
7 of the party to whom it was issued and a specific statement, in

8 bold type on such a notice stating that the consumer has a right
 9 to receive a copy of such a report and including a provision that
 10 the consumer has a right to contest the accuracy of the contents
 11 thereof. This provision shall apply to any reporting agency having
 12 an office in the commonwealth or any out of state agency if any
 13 of the information contained in the report has been obtained from
 14 any source which has a place of business in the commonwealth.