

HOUSE No. 287

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ronald Mariano

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act updating chapter 93H data security protections to include biometric information.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ronald Mariano</i>	<i>3rd Norfolk</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>

<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>

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By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 287) of Ronald Mariano and others for legislation to protect the privacy and security of biometric information. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1985 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act updating chapter 93H data security protections to include biometric information.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to protect the privacy and security of residents’ biometric information, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 1 of chapter 93H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Agency” the following
3 definition:-

4 “Biometric indicator”, any unique biological attribute or measurement that can be used to
5 authenticate the identity of an individual, including but not limited to fingerprints, genetic
6 information, iris or retina patterns, facial characteristics, or hand geometry.

7 SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 93H, as so appearing, is hereby further
8 amended by striking the word “or” in line 44 and inserting after the word “account;” in line 48
9 the following:-
10 or (d) a biometric indicator