

SENATE No. 857

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 relative to forfeiture reporting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>

SENATE No. 857

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 857) of Jason M. Lewis, James B. Eldridge and Tom Sannicandro for legislation relative to forfeiture reporting. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to forfeiture reporting.

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 47 of Chapter 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after subsection (j) the following:-

3 (k) (1) The attorney general, each district attorney, and each police department for which
4 the state treasurer has established a special law enforcement trust fund pursuant to subsection (d)
5 shall file an annual report with the treasurer regarding all assets, monies, and proceeds from
6 assets seized pursuant to this section and held by such fund. The report shall provide itemized
7 accounting for all such assets, monies and proceeds from assets within the following asset
8 categories: cash, personal property, conveyances, and real property, including any property
9 disposed of by the office of seized property management within the division of capital asset
10 management and maintenance. Such reports shall be filed on or before January 31 for the
11 preceding calendar year and shall be public records.

12 (2) The attorney general, each district attorney, and each police department for which the
13 state treasurer has established a special law enforcement trust fund pursuant to subsection (d)

14 shall file an annual report with the treasurer regarding all expenditures therefrom, which shall
15 include, but not be limited to, the following expenses categories: personnel, contractors,
16 equipment, training, private-public partnerships, inter-agency collaborations, and community
17 grants. Such reports shall be filed on or before January 31 for the preceding calendar year and
18 shall be public records.

19 (3) On or before March 15, the state treasurer shall file a report with the Executive Office
20 of Administration and Finance and the House and Senate Committees of Ways and Means
21 regarding the aggregate deposits and expenditures, and the ending balances, for each special law
22 enforcement trust fund during the preceding calendar year. Such reports shall be public records.