

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 536**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Peter J. Koutoujian***

*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 further regulating funeral directors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter J. Koutoujian</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/6/2011</i>

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By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 536) of Peter J. Koutoujian relative to further regulating funeral directors. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3916 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act further regulating funeral directors.

*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 6 of chapter 151 A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (I) The following services performed by an individual a funeral home or associated with  
4 funeral services:

- 5 1. Parking lot assistants;
- 6 2. Placement of flowers in respective rooms for decedents? services;
- 7 3. Doorman, greeting visitors indicating which room the family is in;
- 8 4. Giving directions to church and cemeteries for respective services;
- 9 5. Rearranging furniture and chairs before and after services;

- 10 6. Arranging floral tributes in service room and removing for delivery to cemetery;
- 11 7. Delivering flowers to nursing homes after services;
- 12 8. Serving as supplemental pallbearers with family members;
- 13 9. Serving as ushers during church services;
- 14 10. Assisting elderly and handicap visitors enter & exit for services;
- 15 11. Setting out traffic funeral cones at the church where services are held.

16 SECTION 2. Section 2A of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
17 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

18 2B. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply the following services performed by an  
19 individual of a funeral home or associated with funeral services:

- 20 1. Parking lot assistants;
- 21 2. Placement of flowers in respective rooms for decedents' services;
- 22 3. Doorman, greeting visitors indicating which room the family is in;
- 23 4. Giving directions to church and cemeteries for respective services;
- 24 5. Rearranging furniture and chairs before and after services;
- 25 6. Arranging floral tributes in service room and removing for delivery to cemetery;
- 26 7. Delivering flowers to nursing homes after services;
- 27 8. Serving as supplemental pallbearers with family members;

- 28 9. Serving as ushers during church services;
- 29 10. Assisting elderly and handicap visitors enter & exit for services;
- 30 11. Setting out traffic funeral cones at the church where services are held

31 SECTION 3. Chapter 111M of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official  
32 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

33 Section 111M ?. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following services  
34 performed by an individual of a funeral home or associated with funeral services:

- 35 1. Parking lot assistants;
- 36 2. Placement of flowers in respective rooms for decedents? services;
- 37 3. Doorman, greeting visitors indicating which room the family is in;
- 38 4. Giving directions to church and cemeteries for respective services;
- 39 5. Rearranging furniture and chairs before and after services;
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- 42 8. Serving as supplemental pallbearers with family members;
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- 44 10. Assisting elderly and handicap visitors enter & exit for services;
- 45 11. Setting out traffic funeral cones at the church where services are held.