

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1787

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act to increase access to information regarding drug overdose deaths ..

*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 7 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2   Edition, is hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and replacing it with the following:-

3           “If, during the course of investigation, the medical examiner is of the opinion that the  
4   death may have been caused by the act or negligence of another, or by the ingestion of narcotics,  
5   he or she shall at once notify the district attorney within whose district the deceased was found  
6   and the local law enforcement agency for such district or, if such act or negligence has occurred  
7   in a different district, the district attorney and the local law enforcement agency for such other  
8   district. He or she shall also make available to the district attorney and the local law enforcement  
9   agency any and all records pertaining to such investigation.”