

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2040

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act further regulating the issuance of death certificate..

*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 9 of chapter 46 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 120 of  
2 the Acts of 2004, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           The employers of a registered professional nurse, nurse practitioner or any other person  
4 authorized under this section to declare a person dead shall within 16 hours of death deliver to  
5 the funeral director responsible for the funeral arrangements of the deceased, a properly  
6 completed certificate of death which shall contain the signature of the attending or certifying  
7 physician. Whoever fails to comply with the provisions of this paragraph shall be punished by a  
8 fine of \$1,000 or may be subject to suspension of license to practice, issued under the provisions  
9 of chapter 112, for a record of not more than 30 day, or both.