

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2180

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act relative to the transporting of deceased persons..

*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 4 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
2   by adding the following two sentences after the phrase “tending to show the cause and  
3   circumstances of death.”:

4           “When transporting the body, the Medical Examiner, the Chief of Police of the city or  
5   town wherein the body lays, or any of their representatives must transport the body in a sealable  
6   plastic body bag. If any of the above listed parties are transporting a deceased person from a  
7   hospital, convalescent or nursing home, or any other medical facility that facility must have  
8   prepared the deceased for transportation in a sealable plastic body bag.”