

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3913

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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 release of bodies by the medical examiner..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           The second paragraph of section 13 of chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2   the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in  
3   place thereof the following sentence:- The chief medical examiner or his designee may allow  
4   any body to be moved without pronouncement if excessive hardship to the family of the  
5   decedent would otherwise result or if the decedent's religious beliefs or customs require burial  
6   within a specified time period.