

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 55**

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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 FORENSIC ASSISTANCE ON LIVE CASES.

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

1 Chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting, after section 15, the following section:-

3 Section 16. The chief medical examiner or his designee may, at the request of a district  
4 attorney, other law enforcement official, the department of public health or any duly appointed  
5 investigatory body, offer services in the field of forensic pathology in matters involving living  
6 individuals, including but not limited to, physical examination, review of medical records and  
7 photographs, review of histology and toxicologic laboratory findings, and court testimony. Files,  
8 reports, photographs, and all other records created by the chief medical examiner or his designee  
9 relating to this section shall not be deemed public records.