

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3961**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**  
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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           The third paragraph of section 4 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following words:—

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