

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 524

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Martin J. Walsh***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to increase access to information regarding drug overdose deaths.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2011</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 524) of Martin J. Walsh relative to increasinh access to information regarding drug overdose deaths. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1787 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act to increase access to information regarding drug overdose deaths.

*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 1. Section 7 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 the first paragraph and replacing it with the following:-

3           "If, during the course of investigation, the medical examiner is of the opinion that the  
4 death may have been caused by the act or negligence of another, or by the ingestion of narcotics,  
5 he or she shall at once notify the district attorney within whose district the deceased was found  
6 and the local law enforcement agency for such district or, if such act or negligence has occurred  
7 in a different district, the district attorney and the local law enforcement agency for such other  
8 district. He or she shall also make available to the district attorney and the local law enforcement  
9 agency any and all records pertaining to such investigation."