

HOUSE No. 4378

Substituted by the House, on a motion of Mr. Hunt of Boston, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 2106). July 30, 2014.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen
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An Act relative to organ retention.

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. The first paragraph of section 13 of chapter 38 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence,
3 the following sentence:- If upon release of the body, any whole body part or organ of the
4 deceased has been retained by the office, the authorized person receiving the body shall be so
5 informed.

6 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of said section 13 of said chapter 38, as so appearing,
7 is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence, the following sentence:- No body part
8 or organ may be retained for purposes other than determining the cause of death without consent
9 from the deceased's next of kin.