

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

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

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.