

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4378**

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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.

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**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.