

HOUSE No. 3473

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian R. Mannal

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 relative to obtaining the consent of next of kin for televised deaths.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/14/2015</i>

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By Mr. Mannel of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3473) of Brian R. Mannel for legislation to require the consent of the next of kin prior to the release of a videotape, audiotape or photograph of a person’s death to the public. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to obtaining the consent of next of kin for televised 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 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the tenth paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Each patient shall be granted protection from commercial and private exploitation of any
4 kind. No patient shall be videotaped, audiotaped or photographed, expect for purposes of
5 providing medical treatment, without either his or her express written consent, or that of his or
6 her legal guardian. After receiving consent, any person or facility that videotapes, audiotapes or
7 photographs a patient who dies during treatment shall notify the patient’s next of kin before
8 exposing such videotape, audiotape or photograph to the public.