

SENATE No. 174

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 hearses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Michael O. Moore

Second Worcester

Paul K. Frost

7th Worcester

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 174) of Michael O. Moore and Paul K. Frost for legislation relative to hearses. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 126 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to hearses.

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 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “hands-free mobile
3 telephone” the following new definition”-

4 “Hearse”, any motor vehicle or object on wheels, having motive power of its own, or
5 which is drawn by, or used in combination with a motor vehicle, that is regularly used in the
6 course of business of the transportation of the deceased, though that business need not be
7 conducted by a licensed funeral director or embalmer.

8 SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Funeral Directors and
9 Embalmers is hereby directed to promulgate regulations to accommodate the inclusion of the
10 definition of “hearse” referenced in section 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws.