

HOUSE No. 3516

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 requiring the Chief Medical Examiner to provide certain information in substance abuse-related deaths.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	

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By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3516) of Diana DiZoglio and others for legislation to require the Chief Medical Examiner to provide certain information in substance abuse-related deaths. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act requiring the Chief Medical Examiner to provide certain information in substance abuse-related 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 Chapter 38 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4A the
2 following section:-

3 Section 4B. If after making inquiry pursuant to section 4, the medical examiner is of the
4 opinion that death may have resulted from acute or chronic use or misuse of a controlled
5 substance or a derivative thereof, the medical examiner shall conduct an autopsy on the body of
6 such deceased person within 3 months of the date of death. Within 30 days after completion of
7 such autopsy, the office of the chief medical examiner shall provide an autopsy report to anyone
8 legally entitled to receive it.