

HOUSE No. 3598

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sheila C. Harrington and Eileen M. Donoghue

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 autopsy reports by the medical examiner.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>4/3/2017</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>4/3/2017</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/6/2017</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>4/5/2017</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/5/2017</i>

<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>4/5/2017</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>4/6/2017</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>12/20/2017</i>

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By Representative Harrington of Groton and Senator Donoghue, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3598) of Sheila C. Harrington, Eileen M. Donoghue and others relative to autopsy reports by the medical examiner. Public Health.

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

An Act relative to autopsy reports by the medical examiner.

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 4 of chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing the 2014 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding the following the paragraph:-

3 If the medical examiner takes jurisdiction pursuant this section, the medical examiner
4 shall conduct an autopsy on the body of such deceased person and provide an autopsy report to
5 anyone legally entitled to receive it within 90 days of the date that the medical examiner took
6 jurisdiction, except if the medical examiner provides a notice of delay to anyone legally entitled
7 to receive the autopsy report with the date the autopsy report will be complete and the reason for
8 the delay.