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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

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 burial expenses for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*1/11/2019*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*	*1/28/2019*

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3217) of Steven S. Howitt and David F. DeCoste for legislation to require funeral directors to make available to potential clients information regarding funeral and burial benefits for veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1930* OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to burial expenses for veterans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 84C the following section:-

Section 84D. Every licensed funeral director, or his or her agent or servant, before an agreement as to the price of the merchandise and service is made, shall make available to all potential clients information regarding funeral and burial benefits for veterans as set forth in section 7 and 8 of chapter 115 and shall give or cause to be given to a client, a written statement verifying that the funeral director, or his or her agent or servant, make such information available to the potential client. The written statement shall be signed by the funeral director, or his or her

agent or servant, and the potential client before an agreement as to the price of the merchandise and service is made.

Any funeral director who fails to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000.