

SENATE No. 1391

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia Stone Creem

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 to promote the option of alkaline hydrolysis (AH).

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia Stone Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1391) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to promote the option of alkaline hydrolysis (AH). Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to promote the option of alkaline hydrolysis (AH).

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 114 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new definition:

3 “Alkaline hydrolysis”, the dissolution process which uses chemicals, heat, agitation,
4 pressure or other methods to accelerate natural decomposition and reduces the composition of
5 the body to inorganic bone fragments and a sterile solution.

6 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 114 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
7 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “Such corporation may cremate”
8 the following:- or provide alkaline hydrolysis services to

9 SECTION 3. Section 7 of said chapter 114 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “for the disposal by cremation”
11 the following:- or alkaline hydrolysis

12 SECTION 4. Section 9 of said chapter 114 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
13 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows by striking out the words “Cemetery and
14 crematory” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Cemetery, crematory and
15 alkaline hydrolysis facility

16 SECTION 5. Section 44 of said chapter 114 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
17 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “deceased person shall not
18 be cremated” the following:- or decomposed

19 SECTION 6. Section 48 of said chapter 114 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
20 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “the person having the
21 charge of the crematory” the following:- or alkaline hydrolysis facility

22 SECTION 7. Facilities offering alkaline hydrolysis shall submit a report to the
23 department of public health, by March 1 of the subsequent year, which shall include the number
24 of services performed, the average cost for services, the average time for completion of services,
25 and if the facility also offers cremation, the number of cremation services provided in the prior
26 year.

27 SECTION 8. The department of public health shall provide written notice and guidance
28 to cemeteries and crematories and alkaline hydrolysis facilities on the provisions of this act.