

SENATE No. 1439

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cindy F. Friedman

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 public safety and certainty related to child deaths.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>4/29/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1439) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to promote public safety and certainty related to child deaths. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1261 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act to promote public safety and certainty related to child 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. In the case of a death of a child under the age of two, the findings and report
4 of the medical examiner performing the autopsy to determine the cause of death, and any change
5 to the autopsy report, shall be subject to review and approval by the chief medical examiner.