

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1376**

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**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>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/6/2023</i>

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1376) of Cindy F. Friedman, Joanne M. Comerford and Paul R. Feeney for legislation to promote public safety and certainty related to child deaths. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1439 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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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 2A the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 2B. In the case of the death of a child under the age of two, the chief medical  
4 examiner shall review and approve: (i) the findings and report of the medical examiner  
5 performing the autopsy to determine the cause of death; and (ii) any change to the autopsy  
6 report.