

HOUSE No. 2359

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 timely issuance of death certificates to funeral directors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>James Dolan</i>		<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2025</i>

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By Representative Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2359) of James Arciero, James Dolan and Colleen M. Garry relative to the timely issuance of death certificates to funeral directors. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2245 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to timely issuance of death certificates to funeral directors.

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 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 edition, is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 45C the following new section:- “Section 45D. Upon a request by a
3 licensed funeral director or undertaker, Issuers of certificates of death pursuant to this chapter
4 shall provide an original death certificate to the designated licensed funeral director’s or
5 undertaker’s place of business within 24 hours from the time of the request.”