

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2374**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*David Biele*

*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 assistance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/27/2025</i>

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By Representative Biele of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2374) of David Biele and Joanne M. Comerford relative to burial assistance from the Department of Public Welfare. Public Health.

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

An Act relative to burial assistance.

*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 9 of chapter 117A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure “\$3,500” the following:  
3 “excluding cash advance items for services not directly provided by the funeral establishment.  
4 The department shall promptly make a determination regarding applications submitted pursuant  
5 to this section and, if approved, shall issue payments promptly.”