

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2385**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Martin J. Walsh*

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*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 organ retention.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Martin J. Walsh*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*13th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2385) of Martin J. Walsh for legislation to require the disclosure of body organ retention information . Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act relative to organ retention.

*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. The first paragraph of Section 13 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the first sentence, the following sentence:-

3 "If upon release of the body, any body part of the deceased has been retained by the  
4 office, the authorized person receiving the body shall be so informed."

5 Section 2. The second paragraph of Section 13 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, is  
6 hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence, the following sentence:-

7 "No body part or organ may be retained without consent from the deceased's next of kin."

8 Section 3. Upon passage, this law shall be known as the "David F. Macrelli Law."