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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Durant

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 the disclosure of autopsy reports.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Peter J. Durant	*6th Worcester*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*
James J. Lyons, Jr.	*18th Essex*
David T. Vieira	*3rd Barnstable*
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Bruce E. Tarr	
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Ryan C. Fattman	*18th Worcester*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
James R. Miceli	*19th Middlesex*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*

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By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Durant and others relative to the disclosure of autopsy reports by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act relative to the disclosure of autopsy reports.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:

"Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner from providing a copy of the autopsy report of a decedent to the decedent's surviving spouse or a person in the first of degree consanguinity."