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HOUSE . . . . . No. 524

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

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 increase access to information regarding drug overdose deaths .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 524) of Martin J. Walsh relative to increasinh access to information regarding drug overdose deaths. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1787* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to increase access to information regarding drug overdose deaths .

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 7 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and replacing it with the following:-

"If, during the course of investigation, the medical examiner is of the opinion that the death may have been caused by the act or negligence of another, or by the ingestion of narcotics, he or she shall at once notify the district attorney within whose district the deceased was found and the local law enforcement agency for such district or, if such act or negligence has occurred in a different district, the district attorney and the local law enforcement agency for such other district. He or she shall also make available to the district attorney and the local law enforcement agency any and all records pertaining to such investigation."