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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2110

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven M. 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 relative to the transporting of deceased persons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven M. Walsh	*11th Essex*

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By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2110) of Steven M. Walsh relative to regulating the transportation of deceased persons. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1545* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the transporting of deceased persons.

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

Section 4 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following two sentences after the phrase "tending to show the cause and circumstances of death.":

"When transporting the body, the Medical Examiner, the Chief of Police of the city or town wherein the body lays, or any of their representatives must transport the body in a sealable plastic body bag. If any of the above listed parties are transporting a deceased person from a hospital, convalescent or nursing home, or any other medical facility that facility must have prepared the deceased for transportation in a sealable plastic body bag."