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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2140

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*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*

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By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2140) 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *4064* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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."