

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

Bill No. H2383
Title: *An Act further protecting identities on death certificates*
Sponsor: Representative Edward R. Philips
Committee: Public Health
Hearing Date: June 11, 2025
Similar Matters: None
Prior History: New file
Reporting Deadline: August 10, 2025

Current Law:

- **M.G.L. Chapter 46** pertains to the return and registry of births, marriages and deaths.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 46 § 1** pertains to the contents of certificates of birth, marriage, death and acknowledgments and adjudications of paternity.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 46 § 9** pertains to the issuance and contents of death certificates and declarations of death by a nurse, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant.

Summary:

This legislation amends M.G.L. Chapter 46 to eliminate the requirement that death certificates list the social security number of the deceased.

SECTION 1 amends M.G.L. Chapter 46 Section 1 by removing the social security number of the deceased from the information required to be recorded on a death certificate.

SECTION 2 amends M.G.L. Chapter 46 Section 1 by clarifying that a record of death cannot include the deceased's social security number.

SECTION 3 amends M.G.L. Chapter 46 Section 9 by further clarifying that a death certificate cannot include the deceased's social security number.