

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3473**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Brian R. Mannal***

*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 obtaining the consent of next of kin for televised deaths.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Brian R. Mannal*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2nd Barnstable*

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By Mr. Mannel of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3473) of Brian R. Mannel for legislation to require the consent of the next of kin prior to the release of a videotape, audiotape or photograph of a person's death to the public. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to obtaining the consent of next of kin for televised deaths.

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

1 Section 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the tenth paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Each patient shall be granted protection from commercial and private exploitation of any  
4 kind. No patient shall be videotaped, audiotaped or photographed, except for purposes of  
5 providing medical treatment, without either his or her express written consent, or that of his or  
6 her legal guardian. After receiving consent, any person or facility that videotapes, audiotapes or  
7 photographs a patient who dies during treatment shall notify the patient's next of kin before  
8 exposing such videotape, audiotape or photograph to the public.