

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3516**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Diana DiZoglio***

*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 requiring the Chief Medical Examiner to provide certain information in substance abuse-related deaths.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3516) of Diana DiZoglio and others for legislation to require the Chief Medical Examiner to provide certain information in substance abuse-related deaths. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act requiring the Chief Medical Examiner to provide certain information in substance abuse-related 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 Chapter 38 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4A the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 4B. If after making inquiry pursuant to section 4, the medical examiner is of the  
4 opinion that death may have resulted from acute or chronic use or misuse of a controlled  
5 substance or a derivative thereof, the medical examiner shall conduct an autopsy on the body of  
6 such deceased person within 3 months of the date of death. Within 30 days after completion of  
7 such autopsy, the office of the chief medical examiner shall provide an autopsy report to anyone  
8 legally entitled to receive it.