

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3598**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sheila C. Harrington and Eileen M. Donoghue***

*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 autopsy reports by the medical examiner.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>

<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>William Crocker</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>

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By Representative Harrington of Groton and Senator Donoghue, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3598) of Sheila C. Harrington and others relative to autopsy reports by the medical examiner. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to autopsy reports by the medical examiner.

*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 4 of chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing the 2014 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following the paragraph:-

3 If the medical examiner takes jurisdiction pursuant this section, the medical examiner  
4 shall conduct an autopsy on the body of such deceased person and provide an autopsy report to  
5 anyone legally entitled to receive it within 90 days of the date that the medical examiner took  
6 jurisdiction, except if the medical examiner provides a notice of delay to anyone legally entitled  
7 to receive the autopsy report with the date the autopsy report will be complete and the reason for  
8 the delay.