

HOUSE No. 55

Accompanying the twenty-fifth recommendation of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (House, No. 30). Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FORENSIC ASSISTANCE ON LIVE CASES.

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, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended
2 by inserting, after section 15, the following section:-

3 Section 16. The chief medical examiner or his designee may, at the request of a district
4 attorney, other law enforcement official, the department of public health or any duly appointed
5 investigatory body, offer services in the field of forensic pathology in matters involving living
6 individuals, including but not limited to, physical examination, review of medical records and
7 photographs, review of histology and toxicologic laboratory findings, and court testimony. Files,
8 reports, photographs, and all other records created by the chief medical examiner or his designee
9 relating to this section shall not be deemed public records.