

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1174**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas P. Kennedy*

*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 the signing of death certificates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Thomas P. Kennedy*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Plymouth and Bristol*

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1174) of Thomas P. Kennedy for legislation relative to the signing of death certificates. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1033 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to the signing of death certificates.

*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 9 of chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word “administrator”, in line 5, the following:— or, if the  
3 death occurred in a nursing home as defined in section 108 of chapter 112, the medical director  
4 of the nursing home.