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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Steven M. Walsh***

*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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the transporting of deceased persons.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Steven M. Walsh* | *11th Essex* |

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By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1545) of Steven M. Walsh regulating the transportation of deceased persons. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *2180* OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to the transporting of deceased persons.

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

Section 4 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following two sentences after the phrase "tending to show the cause and circumstances of death.":

"When transporting the body, the Medical Examiner, the Chief of Police of the city or town wherein the body lays, or any of their representatives must transport the body in a sealable plastic body bag. If any of the above listed parties are transporting a deceased person from a hospital, convalescent or nursing home, or any other medical facility that facility must have prepared the deceased for transportation in a sealable plastic body bag."