

HOUSE No. 1908

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sheila C. Harrington

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:

Sheila C. Harrington

1st Middlesex

Anne M. Gobi

*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and
Middlesex*

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1908) of Sheila C. Harrington and Anne M. Gobi relative to autopsy reports by the medical examiner. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3598 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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.