

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2106**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Martin J. 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 bill:

An Act relative to organ retention.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Martin J. Walsh*

*13th Suffolk*

*Thomas J. Calter*

*12th Plymouth*

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2106**

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2106) of Martin J. Walsh and Thomas J. Calter for legislation to require the disclosure of body organ retention information . Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 2385 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to organ retention.

*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 1. The first paragraph of Section 13 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the first sentence, the following sentence:-

3 "If upon release of the body, any body part of the deceased has been retained by the  
4 office, the authorized person receiving the body shall be so informed."

5 Section 2. The second paragraph of Section 13 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, is  
6 hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence, the following sentence:-

7 "No body part or organ may be retained without consent from the deceased's next of kin."

8 Section 3. Upon passage, this law shall be known as the "David F. Macrelli Law."