

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2314**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Sheila C. Harrington and Marjorie C. Decker***

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2021</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>

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By Representatives Harrington of Groton and Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2314) of Sheila C. Harrington and Marjorie C. Decker relative to autopsy reports by the medical examiner. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1908 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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.