

HOUSE No. 3913

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.

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 the release of bodies by the medical examiner.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

16th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RELEASE OF BODIES 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 The second paragraph of section 13 of chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The chief
- 3 medical examiner or his designee may allow any body to be moved without pronouncement if excessive hardship to
- 4 the family of the decedent would otherwise result or if the decedent's religious beliefs or customs require burial
- 5 within a specified time period.