

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1439**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Cindy F. Friedman***

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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 to promote public safety and certainty related to child deaths.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cindy F. Friedman*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Fourth Middlesex*

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1439) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to promote public safety and certainty related to child deaths. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1261 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to promote public safety and certainty related to child deaths.

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

1 Chapter 38 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4A the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 4B. In the case of a death of a child under the age of two, the findings and report  
4 of the medical examiner performing the autopsy to determine the cause of death, and any change  
5 to the autopsy report, shall be subject to review and approval by the chief medical examiner.