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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Brian S. Dempsey**

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act further regulating the issuance of death certificate.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act further regulating the issuance of death certificate.

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

Section 9 of chapter 46 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 120 of the Acts of 2004, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

   The employers of a registered professional nurse, nurse practitioner or any other person authorized under this section to declare a person dead shall within 16 hours of death deliver to the funeral director responsible for the funeral arrangements of the deceased, a properly completed certificate of death which shall contain the signature of the attending or certifying physician. Whoever fails to comply with the provisions of this paragraph shall be punished by a fine of $1,000 or may be subject to suspension of license to practice, issued under the provisions of chapter 112, for a record of not more than 30 day, or both.