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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Steven M. Walsh**

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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 relative to the transporting of deceased persons.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the transporting of deceased persons.

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

Section 4 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following two sentences after the phrase “tending to show the cause and circumstances of death.”:

“When transporting the body, the Medical Examiner, the Chief of Police of the city or town wherein the body lays, or any of their representatives must transport the body in a sealable plastic body bag. If any of the above listed parties are transporting a deceased person from a hospital, convalescent or nursing home, or any other medical facility that facility must have prepared the deceased for transportation in a sealable plastic body bag.”