

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Brian S. Dempsey**

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brian S. Dempsey

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2076 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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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:*

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

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