

SENATE No. 868

By Mr. Quinlan, a petition of John M. Quinlan and others for legislation to require analysis of blood samples in cases of motor vehicles fatalities. Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT REQUIRING ANALYSIS OF BLOOD SAMPLES IN CASES OF MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES.

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 six of chapter 38 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting thereto the following: —

3 If, after making inquiry pursuant to this section, the medical
4 examiner is of the opinion that death may have resulted from
5 injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident, and the death oc-
6 curred within four hours of the accident, and the deceased was
7 the operator of a motor vehicle or an adult pedestrian 16 years
8 of age or older, the medical examiner shall submit to the state
9 police laboratory a sample of blood from the deceased in an
10 amount sufficient for chemical analysis. The medical examiner
11 shall submit a statement with such sample including informa-
12 tion as to whether the body was that of an operator or pedes-
13 trian, and the name, age and sex of the deceased if available.
14 The medical examiner, acting in compliance with this section,
15 shall not be civilly or criminally liable for such actions.

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