

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 919

By Mr. MacLean of Fairhaven, petition of William Q. MacLean, Sr., for legislation to define further the duties of medical examiners. Social Welfare.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

### AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE DUTIES OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER.

*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 6 of chapter 38 of MGL is hereby amended by  
2 striking sentence 7 and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 new sentence:

4 After the district attorney or his representative has viewed  
5 the body or has given notice that he does not desire to do so,  
6 the medical examiner on his own authority may, and, if he be  
7 so requested by the district attorney or the attorney general or  
8 the attending physician, with the consent of the next of kin  
9 shall, make or cause to be made in his presence, an autopsy on  
the aforesaid body.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE 12TH MARCH 1881