

By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of Michael Paul Feeney that the publication of certain matters in an obituary shall be considered an invasion of the right to privacy. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN MATTER IN AN OBITUARY SHALL BE AN INVASION OF THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY.

*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 1B of chapter 214 of the General Laws, inserted by  
2 chapter 193 of the acts of 1974, is hereby further amended by  
3 inserting after the first sentence the following sentence: — A  
4 newspaper alluding to or presenting information in an obituary of  
5 a prior criminal indictment of the deceased shall if that charge  
6 ended in a finding of innocence, nol pros or dismissal, be an  
7 interference with the right of privacy of the family fo the deceased  
8 and the remedy provided by this section shall be available to any  
9 member of such family.

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