

SENATE No. 666

By Mr. Conte, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 666) of John J. Conte for legislation relative to autopsies performed on children dying under two years of age. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTOPSIES PERFORMED ON CHILDREN DYING
UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE.

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 6C of Chapter 38 of the General Laws as inserted
- 2 by Chapter 1072 of the Acts of 1973, is hereby amended by
- 3 inserting after said section the following paragraph.
- 4 If the medical examiner performs an autopsy upon a child
- 5 under the age of two years without the child's parent or legal
- 6 guardian requesting said autopsy, the medical examiner shall
- 7 nonetheless notify said parent or legal guardian of the results
- 8 of said autopsy as to the cause of death.

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- As amended by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Session assembled and by the authority of the Senate, as follows:
- 1 Section 60 of Chapter 33 of the General Laws as inserted
2 by Chapter 1075 of the Acts of 1951, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after said section the following paragraph:
 - 4 If the medical examiner performs an autopsy upon a child
5 under the age of two years without the child's parent or legal
6 guardian requesting said autopsy, the medical examiner shall
7 notwithstanding notify said parent or legal guardian of the results
8 of said autopsy as to the cause of death.