

HOUSE No. 3703

By Mr. Emilio of Haverhill, petition of Frank A. Emilio, and Thomas G. Palumbo relative to the disclosure of infectious or communicable diseases upon the death of certain persons. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
- 2 ing after section 107 the following section: —
- 3 Section 107A. If, at the time of death, the deceased suffered
- 4 from cholera, yellow fever, diphtheria, scarlet fever, acquired
- 5 immune deficiency syndrome or other dangerous, contagious,
- 6 infectious, or communicable disease (whether such disease was or
- 7 was not the cause of death), the attending physician or other per-
- 8 son(s) in attendance at time of death, to the extent known by them,
- 9 shall complete a Certificate of Communicable Disease. One copy
- 10 of the Certificate of Communicable Disease shall be attached to
- 11 the body of the deceased before the body is placed in custody of
- 12 a funeral director or otherwise transported. A second copy shall
- 13 be sent to the State Department of Health. The form and contents
- 14 of the Certificate of Communicable Disease shall be prescribed
- 15 by the commissioner of public health.

