

HOUSE No. 923

By Mr. Moore of Uxbridge, petition of Richard T. Moore for legislation to regulate the conducting of skeletal analysis by the Archaeologist of the Commonwealth. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SKELETAL REMAINS.

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 26A, of Chapter 9, of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 the last sentence of the first paragraph of subsection seven, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The State Archaeologist shall determine whether a skeletal
6 analysis of the remains shall be conducted, and if so, the time
7 frame for completion of said analysis. After the completion of the
8 skeletal analysis, the State Archaeologist shall determine whether
9 the remains shall be deposited in a curatorial facility or reinterred
10 in accordance with the provisions of section forty-three-M (43-
11 M) of Chapter one-hundred-fourteen (114). It shall be the respon-
12 sibility of the person whose proposed action necessitates the re-
13 moval of skeletal remains, to conduct and bear the financial costs
14 of the analysis and reinterment.

