

HOUSE No. 4550

By Mr. Cahill of Beverly (by request), petition of Danah Quaderi for legislation to further define the natural process of dying in health care proxies. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT FURTHER CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION IN HEALTH CARE PROXIES
AGAINST SUICIDE OR MERCY KILLING.

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 12 of Chapter 201D of the General Laws is amended by
- 2 adding at the end thereof the following new sentence:— The term
- 3 “natural process of dying,” as used herein, shall not include the
- 4 intentional withholding of nutrition and/or hydration.

