

HOUSE No. 6145

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 2, 1980.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom was referred so much of the recommendations of the Department of Correction (House, No. 49) as relates to providing for the burial of deceased prisoners (accompanied by bill, House, No. 55), reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6145) ought to pass.

For the committee,

DAVID J. MOFENSON

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE BURIAL OF DECEASED PRISONERS.

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 1. Chapter 127 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting at the end of section 117B the following: —
3 If a person dies in a state correctional facility the commissioner
4 shall, except as provided in chapter one hundred and thirteen,
5 deliver the body to his relations or friends if they request it,
6 otherwise, he shall bury it in the common burying ground, and the
7 expense thereof shall be paid by the Department of Correction.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 113 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "science" the words
3 "provided that such person has authorized in writing such use of
4 his body."