

HOUSE No. 3624

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to promote public safety and certainty related to child deaths.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3624) of Marjorie C. Decker and Joanne M. Comerford relative to findings and reports of medical examiners performing autopsies on children under the age of two. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2261 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to promote public safety and certainty related to child deaths.

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 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 2A the following section:-

3 Section 2B. In the case of a death of a child under the age of 2, the chief medical
4 examiner shall review and approve: (i) the findings and report of the medical examiner
5 performing the autopsy to determine the cause of death; and (ii) any change to the autopsy
6 report.