

HOUSE No. 679

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, petition of David M. Nangle for legislation to require the publication of deaths by next of kin in local newspapers in the Commonwealth. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT MANDATING PUBLIC NOTICE OF DEATH.

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 13 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting, in line
3 4, after the word “named” the following words:—
4 “and such person shall cause to be published in a newspaper the
5 city or town of the deceased’s last known residence, a public noti-
6 fication of death within 24 hours along with any funeral or memo-
7 rial services on the deceased’s behalf. Failure to provide such
8 notice shall be an offense punishable by a fine of \$1000 and
9 enforceable in any city or town.”