

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2134**

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By Mr. Kennedy of Brockton, petition of Thomas P. Kennedy for legislation to authorize medical directors of nursing homes to issue death certificates. Public Health.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.  
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SIGNING OF DEATH CERTIFICATES.

*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 9 of Chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word  
3 “administrator”, in line 5, the following:— or, if the death occurred  
4 in a nursing home as defined in Section 108 of Chapter 112, the  
5 medical director of the nursing home.