

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1513

To exempt from the Freedom of Information Act certain photographic images of deceased persons that are taken by or for medical examiners.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2005

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. EXEMPTION FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFOR-**  
4                               **MATION ACT OF CERTAIN PHOTOGRAPHIC**  
5                               **IMAGES OF DECEASED PERSONS TAKEN BY**  
6                               **OR FOR MEDICAL EXAMINERS.**

7       Section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code, is  
8       amended—

9                       (1) in paragraph (8), by striking “or” at the  
10       end;

1           (2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period and  
2     inserting “; or”; and

3           (3) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-  
4     lowing:

5           “(10) copies, reproductions, or facsimiles of any  
6     photograph, negative, or print, including instant  
7     photographs and videotapes, of the body, or any por-  
8     tion of the body, of a deceased person, taken by or  
9     for a medical examiner at the scene of the person’s  
10    death or in the course of a post mortem examination  
11    or autopsy of the person made by or caused to be  
12    made by a medical examiner.”.

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