

HOUSE No. 2163

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carole A. Fiola

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 relative to postpartum depression screenings.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Carole A. Fiola</i> | <i>6th Bristol</i> | <i>1/11/2023</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> | <i>1/24/2023</i> |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>1/24/2023</i> |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i> | <i>14th Worcester</i> | <i>1/25/2023</i> |
| <i>Christine P. Barber</i> | <i>34th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/25/2023</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/25/2023</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>1/26/2023</i> |
| <i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i> | <i>16th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/27/2023</i> |
| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i> | <i>6th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/27/2023</i> |
| <i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/28/2023</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>1/30/2023</i> |
| <i>Alan Silvia</i> | <i>7th Bristol</i> | <i>1/30/2023</i> |
| <i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i> | <i>9th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/30/2023</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Vanna Howard</i> | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Rodney M. Elliott</i> | <i>16th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Mark C. Montigny</i> | <i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |

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| <i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i> | <i>4th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Steven Owens</i> | <i>29th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i> | <i>12th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i> | <i>8th Bristol</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Thomas P. Walsh</i> | <i>12th Essex</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i> | <i>15th Essex</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i> | <i>13th Bristol</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i> | <i>9th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2023</i> |
| <i>William C. Galvin</i> | <i>6th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/6/2023</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> | <i>2/6/2023</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>2/7/2023</i> |
| <i>Marc R. Pacheco</i> | <i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>2/7/2023</i> |
| <i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i> | <i>2nd Berkshire</i> | <i>2/8/2023</i> |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> | <i>2/15/2023</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/15/2023</i> |
| <i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/16/2023</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>2/17/2023</i> |
| <i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i> | <i>32nd Middlesex</i> | <i>2/22/2023</i> |
| <i>David Biele</i> | <i>4th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/28/2023</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i> | <i>3/7/2023</i> |
| <i>Lydia Edwards</i> | <i>Third Suffolk</i> | <i>3/9/2023</i> |
| <i>Natalie M. Higgins</i> | <i>4th Worcester</i> | <i>3/20/2023</i> |
| <i>Kevin G. Honan</i> | <i>17th Suffolk</i> | <i>3/20/2023</i> |
| <i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> | <i>3/24/2023</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/28/2023</i> |
| <i>Dawne Shand</i> | <i>1st Essex</i> | <i>3/30/2023</i> |
| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>4/6/2023</i> |
| <i>Kristin E. Kassner</i> | <i>2nd Essex</i> | <i>6/12/2023</i> |
| <i>Adrienne Pusateri Ramos</i> | <i>14th Essex</i> | <i>6/15/2023</i> |
| <i>David Paul Linsky</i> | <i>5th Middlesex</i> | <i>6/27/2023</i> |
| <i>John Francis Moran</i> | <i>9th Suffolk</i> | <i>8/1/2023</i> |
| <i>William F. MacGregor</i> | <i>10th Suffolk</i> | <i>9/6/2023</i> |

HOUSE No. 2163

By Representative Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2163) of Carole A. Fiola and others that the Division of Medical Assistance be directed to provide coverage for screenings for postpartum depression. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2285 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to postpartum depression screenings.

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 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 10N the following: -

3 Section 10O. The division shall provide coverage of screenings by pediatricians for
4 postpartum depression in mothers of newly born children during any visit to a pediatrician’s
5 office taking place for up to one year from the date of the child’s birth.