

HOUSE No. 1930

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Viriato Manuel deMacedo

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 unborn children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>

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By Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1930) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo and others for legislation to require physicians to anesthetize the fetus prior to performing certain abortions. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3295 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to unborn children.

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 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 12M the following section:-

3 Section 12M½. For the purpose of preventing fetal pain, no physician shall perform an
4 abortion unless the physician anesthetizes the fetus; except in the following circumstances: (i) in
5 the reasonable clinical judgment of the physician, such administration of anesthesia to the fetus
6 would cause serious risk to the life of the mother; (ii) in the reasonable clinical judgment of the
7 physician, such administration of anesthesia to the fetus would cause serious risk of substantial
8 and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the mother; (iii) in the reasonable
9 clinical judgment of the physician, the pregnancy has not yet reached 20 weeks gestation; or (iv)
10 the mother directs that anesthesia not be administered to the fetus.