

HOUSE No. 2071

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ellen Story

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 screening.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Ellen Story

3rd Hampshire

Benjamin Swan

11th Hampden

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By Ms. Story of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2071) of Ellen Story and Benjamin Swan 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. 3889 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to postpartum depression screening.

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 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 10G the
2 following: -

3 Section 10H. 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.