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HOUSE . . . . . No. 879

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka

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 mastectomies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*
James E. Timilty	*Bristol and Norfolk*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Claire D. Cronin	*11th Plymouth*
Walter F. Timilty	*7th Norfolk*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*
Anne M. Gobi	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Robert M. Koczera	*11th Bristol*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 879) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to health insurance coverage for mastectomies. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *931* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to mastectomies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 32A of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting after section 17K the following section:-

Section 17L. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission, coverage for the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting after section 47DD the following section:-

Section 47EE. Any policy of accident or sickness insurance delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth pursuant to this chapter shall provide coverage for the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

11 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts of 2012, is hereby
12 amended by inserting after section 8EE the following section:-

13 Section 8FF. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual
14 or group hospital service plan, which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth
15 shall provide for coverage of the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours
16 in-patient care.

17 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws in hereby amended by inserting after
18 section 4FF the following section:-

19 Section 4GG. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
20 agreement delivered or issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide for coverage
21 of the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

22 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
23 section 4X the following section:-

24 Section 4Y. Any individual or group maintenance contract issued, renewed, or delivered
25 within or without the commonwealth shall provide coverage for the cost of a mastectomy and
26 coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.