

HOUSE No. 1535

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriett L. Stanley

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 maternity patients' rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Harriett L. Stanley</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Ms. Stanley of West Newbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1535) of Harriett L. Stanley relative to information provided to maternity patients regarding infant feeding. Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to maternity patients' rights.

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 70E of Chapter 111 of the General laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the 7th paragraph, the following new paragraph:—

3 "Every maternity patient, at the time of admission, shall have the right to be informed and
4 receive complete information and materials, support and counsel from an admitting hospital on
5 all infant feeding choices. When a maternity patient chooses a method of infant feeding, said
6 choice shall be supported and counseled. Health care providers and maternity patients shall have
7 access to infant feeding materials and educational information, including, but not limited to,
8 breast pumps, feeding supplies and bottles, infant formula samples and preparation instructions.
9 Further, sample formula and formula equipment shall be distributed to a breastfeeding maternity
10 patient only when an individual physician order is written or on request of the maternity patient."