

**SENATE . . . . . No. 671**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Harriette L. Chandler*

*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 updating the public health laws..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	
<i>Katherine M. Clark</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	
<i>Susan C. Fargo</i>	
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>

<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 671) of Harriette L. Chandler, Cynthia S. Creem, Sonia Chang-Diaz, Katherine M. Clark and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to public health. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1610 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to updating the public health laws..

*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. Section 12Q of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following paragraph: -

4           Except in an emergency requiring immediate action, no abortion may be performed under  
5 section 12L or 12M unless the written consent of the proper person has been delivered to the  
6 physician performing the abortion as set forth in section 12S.

7           SECTION 2. Section 19 of chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

8           SECTION 3. Section 20 of said chapter 272 is hereby repealed.

9           SECTION 4. Section 21 of said chapter 272 is hereby repealed.

10           SECTION 5. Section 21A of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
11 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 2, 5, and 8 the word married”.