

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1959**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*William C. Galvin*

*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 patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1959) of William C. Galvin, Brian A. Joyce and Louis L. Kafka relative to patient information regarding reconstructive surgery. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3645 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An act relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery.

*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 2008 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

3 Every facility that provides mastectomy surgery, lymph node dissection or a lumpectomy  
4 shall provide information to the patient concerning the option of reconstructive surgery following  
5 such procedures, including the availability of coverage for reconstructive surgery. The  
6 information shall be provided to the patient in writing and in advance of obtaining consent to the  
7 surgical procedure. The information provided shall include at least the following:

8 1. A description of the various reconstructive options and the advantages and  
9 disadvantages of each;

10 2. A description of the provisions assuring coverage by public and private insurance  
11 plans of the costs related to reconstructive surgery under Federal and State law;

12 3. A description of how a patient may access reconstructive care, including the  
13 potential of transferring care to a facility that provides reconstructive care or choosing to pursue  
14 reconstruction after completion if breast cancer surgery and chemo/radiotherapy if warranted.