

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1960**

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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 requiring the screening of newborns for congenital heart defects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*William C. Galvin*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*6th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1960) of William C. Galvin for legislation to require the screening of newborns for congenital heart defects. Public Health.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act requiring the screening of newborns for congenital heart defects.

*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 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
2 224 the following new section:

3           The Department shall expand statewide screening of newborns to include pulse oximetry  
4 screening for critical congenital heart disease a minimum of 24 hours after birth but prior to  
5 discharge.