

HOUSE No. 1608

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ellen Story and Byron Rushing

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 updating the laws to protect women's health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>

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By Representatives Story of Amherst and Rushing of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1608) of Ellen Story and others for legislation to further regulate the performing of abortions and protect women’s reproductive health. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1630 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act updating the laws to protect women's health.

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 is hereby amended by
2 striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: -

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

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

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

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

9 SECTION 5. Section 21A of chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
10 striking out in lines 2, 4 and 8 the word “married”.