

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1608**

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**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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/13/2015</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2015</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2015</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2015</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2015</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2015</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/22/2015</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2015</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/22/2015</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2015</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2015</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/22/2015</i>

<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2015</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2015</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/22/2015</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2015</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/14/2015</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2015</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</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.

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

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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