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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 3, 2015.

The committee on Public Health to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2071) of Ellen Story and Benjamin Swan that the Division of Medical Assistance provide coverage of screenings for postpartum depression, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3701) ought to pass.

For the committee,

KATE HOGAN.

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

An Act relative to postpartum depression screening.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 10H the following: -

Section 10I. The division shall provide coverage of screenings by pediatricians for postpartum depression in mothers of newly born children during any visit to a pediatrician's office taking place for up to one year from the date of the child's birth.