

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1212

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Rodrigues***

*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 protecting against the transmission of pertussis.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael J. Rodrigues*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1212) of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation for protection against the transmission of Pertussis. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1093 OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to protecting against the transmission of pertussis.

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

1           Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2           Section 230: The commissioner shall adopt regulations requiring hospitals to provide  
3   parents of newborns educational information on Pertussis disease and the availability of a  
4   vaccine to protect against Pertussis. This educational information shall include, but need not be  
5   limited to, information on the Center for Disease Control's recommendation that parents receive  
6   Tdap during the post partum period to protect their newborns from the transmission of Pertussis.  
7   This information shall be given to parents prior to the discharge of the newborn. Nothing in this  
8   section shall be construed to require a hospital to provide or pay for any vaccination against  
9   pertussis disease.