

SENATE No. 1993

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
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SENATE, Monday, August 10, 2015

The committee on Public Health to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1212) of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation for protection against the transmission of Pertussis,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1993).

For the committee,
Jason M. Lewis

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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 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 235. The commissioner shall adopt regulations requiring hospitals to provide
4 parents of newborns educational information on pertussis and the availability of a vaccine to
5 protect against pertussis. This educational information shall include, but need not be limited to,
6 information on the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control that parents receive the
7 Dtap vaccine during the postpartum period according to the schedule recommended by the
8 Centers for Disease Control to protect their newborns from the transmission of pertussis. This
9 information shall be given to parents prior to the discharge of the newborn. Nothing in this
10 section shall be construed to require a hospital to provide or pay for any vaccination against
11 pertussis.