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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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SENATE, Monday, December 14, 2015

The committee on Health Care Financing, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to protecting against the transmission of pertussis (Senate, No. 1993),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2074). [Fiscal Note: less than 100,000]

For the committee,  
James T. Welch

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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 all individuals, including parents, who are recommended to receive the Tdap  
7 vaccine during the postpartum period according to the schedule currently 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.