

**SENATE . . . . . No. 733**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Harriette L. Chandler***

*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 updating the public health laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>

*Michelle M. DuBois*  
*Sal N. DiDomenico*

*10th Plymouth*  
*Middlesex and Suffolk*

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 733) of Harriette L. Chandler, Paul R. Heroux, Stephen Kulik, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to update public health laws. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 641 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 updating the public health laws.

*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, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following paragraph: -

4           Except in an emergency requiring immediate action, no abortion may be performed under  
5 section 12L or 12M unless the written consent of the proper person has been delivered to the  
6 physician performing the abortion as set forth in section 12S.

7           SECTION 2. Section 19 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
8 Official Edition, is hereby repealed.

9           SECTION 3. Section 20 of said chapter 272 is hereby repealed.

10 SECTION 4. Section 21 of said chapter 272 is hereby repealed.

11 SECTION 5. Section 21A of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
12 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 2, 5, and 8 the word married”.