

HOUSE No. 931

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Poirier

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 sex selection in pregnancy.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> | <i>1/13/2017</i> |
| <i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i> | <i>18th Essex</i> | <i>1/26/2017</i> |
| <i>Mathew Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>1/17/2017</i> |
| <i>John H. Rogers</i> | <i>12th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/24/2017</i> |

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 931) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others for legislation to prohibit abortions solely on account of the sex of the unborn child. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1547 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to sex selection in pregnancy.

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.

2 Section 12L of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
3 Edition of the General Laws of Massachusetts, is hereby amended by striking the period at the
4 end thereof and adding the following:— “provided, however, no physician shall intentionally
5 perform such an abortion with the knowledge that the mother is seeking the abortion solely on
6 account of the sex of the unborn child.”

7 SECTION 2.

8 Section 12M of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
9 Edition of the General Laws of Massachusetts, is hereby amended by striking the period at the

10 end thereof and adding the following:— “provided, however, no physician shall intentionally
11 perform such an abortion with the knowledge that the mother is seeking the abortion solely on
12 account of the sex of the unborn child.”