

**SENATE . . . . . No. 754**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Barrett***

*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 safeguarding the health care decisions of young adults.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Juana B. Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>7/19/2017</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>10/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 754) of Michael J. Barrett, John W. Scibak, Barbara A. L'Italien, Danielle W. Gregoire and other members of the General Court for legislation to safeguard the health care decisions of young adults. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act safeguarding the health care decisions of young adults.

*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 12F of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 20, the words:- “abortion or”.

3           SECTION 2. Section 12S of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
4 amended by striking out, in line 28, the word “eighteen”, and inserting in place thereof the  
5 following word:- “sixteen”.

6           SECTION 3. Section 12S of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
7 further amended by striking out, in lines 30 and 31, the words “her parents”, and inserting in  
8 place thereof the following words:- “a parent or legal guardian”.

9           SECTION 4. Section 12S of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
10 further amended by striking out, in line 32, the word “parents”, and inserting in place thereof the  
11 following words:- “parent or legal guardian”.

12 SECTION 5. Section 12S of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
13 amended by striking out the fourth and fifth sentences.

14 SECTION 6. Section 12S of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
15 further amended by striking out, in line 41, the word “eighteen”, and inserting in place thereof  
16 the following word:- “sixteen”.

17 SECTION 7. Section 12S of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
18 further amended by striking out, in lines 41 and 42, the words “one or both of her parents or  
19 guardians refuse”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “a parent or guardian  
20 refuses”.

21 SECTION 8. Section 12S of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
22 further amended by striking out, in lines 43 and 44, the words “one or both of her parents or  
23 guardians”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “a parent or guardian”.

24 SECTION 9. Section 12S of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
25 further amended by striking out, in line 51, the word “eighteen”, and inserting in place thereof  
26 the following word:- “sixteen”.