

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1885**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*William C. Galvin*

*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 patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1885) of William C. Galvin and Louis L. Kafka relative to patient information regarding reconstructive surgery. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1161 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery.

*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 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

3 Every facility that provides mastectomy surgery, lymph node dissection or a lumpectomy  
4 shall provide information to the patient concerning the option of reconstructive surgery following  
5 such procedures, including the availability of coverage for reconstructive surgery. The  
6 information shall be provided to the patient in writing and in advance of obtaining consent to the  
7 surgical procedure. The information provided shall include at least the following:

- 8 1. A description of the various reconstructive options and the advantages and  
9 disadvantages of each;

10           2.     A description of any required health coverage benefits related to reconstructive  
11 surgery under Federal and State law;

12           3.     A description of how a patient may access reconstructive care, including the  
13 potential of transferring care to a facility that provides reconstructive care or choosing to pursue  
14 reconstruction after completion of breast cancer surgery and chemo/radiotherapy if warranted.