

HOUSE No. 79

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael S. Day, (BY REQUEST)

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 proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for a constitutional right to health care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Vincent Lawrence Dixon</i>		<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 79) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon and Mindy Domb for a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to establish the right to health care. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for a constitutional right to health care.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in
2 joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the
3 following Article of Amendment to the end that it may be come a part of the Constitution [if
4 similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court, and approved by the people at the
5 state election following]:

6 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

7 1.) The Constitution of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is hereby, and thus
8 amended, to provide that:

9 Each, and every inhabitant of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has a Right to
10 Health Care.

11 2.) The provision of this Right, with equality for all individuals, shall be subject to
12 appropriate legislation by the Great and General Court.

13 The roles, and decision-making of all personal physicians, hospital physicians, and all
14 other medical personnel, who are appropriately involved in the care of any individual, shall be
15 respected, according to all appropriate medical standards, laws, and regulations.