

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1885

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*William C. Galvin*

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

| NAME:                    | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:  | DATE ADDED:      |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <i>William C. Galvin</i> | <i>6th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i>    | <i>8th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/17/2019</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.

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[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.