

HOUSE No. 1865

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb

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 prohibiting non consensual pelvic examinations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1865) of Mindy Domb and others relative to prohibiting nonconsensual pelvic examinations. Public Health.

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

An Act prohibiting non consensual pelvic examinations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 70H the
2 following new section:-

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4 SECTION 70I: No physician, medical student, or health care provider shall perform a
5 pelvic examination on an anesthetized or unconscious patient without first obtaining the written
6 informed consent from the patient unless the performance of a pelvic examination is within the
7 scope of care for the surgical procedure or diagnostic examination to be performed on the patient
8 or is required for diagnostic purposes.