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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joanne M. Comerford

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:	
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*	*1/25/2019*
Cynthia Stone Creem	*First Middlesex and Norfolk*	*2/1/2019*
Maria Duaime Robinson	*6th Middlesex*	*2/7/2019*
William N. Brownsberger	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*	*3/22/2019*
Joan B. Lovely	*Second Essex*	*4/16/2019*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*4/25/2019*
Joseph A. Boncore	*First Suffolk and Middlesex*	*12/13/2019*

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1219) of Joanne M. Comerford, Mindy Domb, Rebecca L. Rausch, Cynthia Stone Creem and others for legislation to prohibit non-consensual 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:

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

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