

SENATE No. 1219

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

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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:

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

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