

HOUSE No. 2267

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb and Kimberly N. Ferguson

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>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>

<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>5/5/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/25/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>8/23/2021</i>
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/22/2021</i>

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By Representatives Domb of Amherst and Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2267) of Mindy Domb, Kimberly N. Ferguson and others for legislation to further regulate pelvic examinations. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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 adding after Section 70H the
2 following new section:-

3 SECTION 70I. A health care provider or a student undertaking a course of professional
4 instruction or a clinical training program, may not perform a pelvic examination on an
5 anesthetized or unconscious patient unless the patient has given specific informed consent in
6 writing to the pelvic examination; or the performance of a pelvic examination is within the scope
7 of care for the surgical procedure or diagnostic examination to be performed on the patient or, in
8 the case of an unconscious patient, the pelvic examination is required for diagnostic purposes.