

SENATE No. 1122

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 bodily autonomy and family integrity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>6/23/2021</i>
<i>Lynne Greenwood</i>		
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>4/15/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>8/30/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>10/18/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/4/2022</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1122) of Lynne Greenwood for legislation relative to bodily autonomy and family integrity. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to bodily autonomy and family integrity.

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, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2 inserting the following new section:-

3 “Section 183A. (a) No person shall be compelled by law to acquiesce to medical
4 treatments or procedures, collection of specimens, or sharing of personal data or medical
5 information. A person’s fundamental rights to privacy, travel, and speech afforded under the
6 United States Constitution shall not be infringed upon to impede the making of decisions for
7 themselves or for their dependents, including, but not limited to, health and medical care,
8 including complementary and alternative healthcare services, education, employment, travel, and
9 lifestyle preferences.

10 (b) No employer shall terminate the employment of an employee solely on the basis of
11 the employee’s choice to engage or not engage with medical treatment. An employee who is
12 wrongfully terminated on these grounds may bring action for (i) an injunction against any further

13 violation; (ii) appropriate affirmative relief, including, but not limited to, admission or
14 reinstatement of employment with back pay plus 10 percent interest; and (iii) any other relief
15 necessary to ensure compliance with this Act. Unless otherwise prescribed, any person or official
16 who willfully violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a violation of Title 42 USC 1983,
17 and may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.