

HOUSE No. 1784

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Rosario Turco

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 protecting women’s health; preserving maternal and unborn child life.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey Rosario Turco</i>	<i>19th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Representative Turco of Winthrop, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1784) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco, Joseph D. McKenna and Kelly W. Pease relative to preserving maternal life and the life of unborn children in the performance of abortions or instances of miscarriages. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to protecting women’s health; preserving maternal and unborn child life.

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. Section 12N of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the
2 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 12N, as amended by section
3 12N of chapter 263 of the Acts of 2020, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

4 Section 12N. Protecting women’s health

5 Notwithstanding section 12L, for the purpose of preventing maternal death from abortion
6 or miscarriage as pregnancy progresses, no physician may perform or induce, or attempt to
7 perform or induce an abortion or cause a miscarriage on any female in a stage of pregnancy after
8 the second trimester unless the following conditions are met: (a) the procedure is performed in a
9 hospital and (b) the physician and two consulting physicians certify, and so enter in the hospital
10 record of the female, that in their medical opinion, based upon their best clinical judgment, the
11 continuation of the pregnancy is likely to result in the death of the female.

12 SECTION 2. Section 12O of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the
13 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 12O, as amended by section
14 12O of chapter 263 of the Acts of 2020, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

15 Section 12O. Preserving maternal life and life of unborn child

16 Notwithstanding section 12L, for the purpose of preserving maternal life and the life of
17 an unborn child following abortion or miscarriage, if an abortion is performed or a miscarriage is
18 caused pursuant to section 12N, the hospital where the procedure is performed shall provide life-
19 saving measures and equipment, as defined by the department of public health, and the physician
20 performing the abortion or causing the miscarriage shall employ the life-saving measures and
21 equipment to preserve the life and health of the mother and to save the life of the unborn child, if
22 the unborn child exhibits any clearly visible, audible, or otherwise discernable evidence of
23 viability.