

SENATE No. 1375

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cindy F. Friedman

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 postpartum depression screening.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/20/2023</i>

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1375) of Cindy F. Friedman, Rebecca L. Rausch, Patrick M. O'Connor, Vanna Howard and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to postpartum depression screening. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2285 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to postpartum depression screening.

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 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10N the
2 following section:-

3 Section 10O. The division shall provide coverage of screenings by pediatricians for
4 postpartum depression in parents of newly born children during any visit to a pediatrician’s
5 office taking place for up to 1 year from the date of the child’s birth.