

SENATE No. 1545

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam Gómez

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 APOL1 mediated kidney disease.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Adam Gómez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	
<i>Homar Gómez</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Mr. Gomez, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1545) of Adam Gomez and Homar Gómez for legislation relative to APOL1 mediated kidney disease. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to APOL1 mediated kidney disease.

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 inserting after section 244, the
2 following section:-

3 Section 245. The department of public health shall conduct a review and issue a report on
4 variants of the apolipoprotein L 1 (APOL 1) gene associated with increased risk of end-stage
5 renal disease. The report must include:

6 (1) Recommendations on how to increase awareness for APOL 1, including screening
7 and genetic testing;

8 (2) An analysis of strategies and funding to increase screening and genetic testing for
9 APOL 1 in the commonwealth; and

10 (3) Other relevant information or issues identified by the department.

11 The department of public health shall file the report with the clerks of the house of
12 representatives and the senate and the joint committee on public health no later than December
13 31, 2026.