

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1579

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Liz Miranda***

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*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 to eliminate barriers and expand abortion access.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>3/18/2025</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2025</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>3/31/2025</i>
<i>Robyn K. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>3/31/2025</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/1/2025</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/15/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>6/4/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>6/12/2025</i>

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By Ms. Miranda, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1579) of Liz Miranda and Manny Cruz for legislation to eliminate barriers and expand abortion access for patients under the age of 16. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act to eliminate barriers and expand abortion access.

*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 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended in section 12K by adding  
2 the following definitions:-

3           “Abortion-related care”, a medically appropriate service complementary to the  
4 performance of an abortion.

5           “Provider”, a licensed health care professional who, acting within their scope of practice,  
6 may lawfully perform an abortion or provide abortion-related care.

7           “Provider facility”, a structure in which a provider performs abortions or provides  
8 abortion-related care.

9           SECTION 2. Chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out  
10 section 12R and inserting in place thereof the following sections:

11           An abortion shall not be performed without first obtaining the written informed consent  
12 of the patient seeking an abortion. The commissioner of public health shall prescribe a form to  
13 use in obtaining such consent. A patient seeking an abortion shall sign the consent form in  
14 advance of the time for which the abortion is scheduled, except in an emergency requiring  
15 immediate action; provided, however, that this requirement shall not impose any waiting period  
16 between the signing of the consent form and the patient obtaining the abortion. The patient shall  
17 then return it to the physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or nurse midwife  
18 performing the abortion who shall maintain it in their files and who shall destroy it 7 years after  
19 the date upon which the abortion is performed.

20           The consent form and any other forms, transcript of evidence or written findings or  
21 conclusions of a court shall be confidential and shall not be released to any other person except  
22 by the patient's written informed consent or by a proper judicial order, other than to the patient  
23 themselves, to whom such documents relate, the physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner  
24 or nurse midwife who performed the abortion or any person whose consent is obtained pursuant  
25 to this section or under any other applicable state or federal law.

26           SECTION 3. The second paragraph (2) of section 12F of chapter 112 of the General  
27 Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words “his medical or dental care” after the words  
28 “Any minor may give consent to” and by inserting the words “their medical care, including  
29 abortion, or dental care”

30           SECTION 4. The third paragraph (3) of section 12F of chapter 112 of the General Laws,  
31 is hereby amended by striking out the word “abortion or”.