

SENATE No. 1638

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 endometriosis awareness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>Robyn K. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>4/3/2025</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>4/3/2025</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>7/9/2025</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1638) of John C. Velis, Jason M. Lewis and Hannah Kane for legislation to create a commission to study endometriosis and other commonly associated diseases. Public Health.

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

An Act relative to endometriosis awareness.

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 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 222 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 223. There is hereby established a special commission on endometriosis located
4 within, but not subject to the control of, the executive office of health and human services. The
5 commission shall work to study, raise awareness, and make policy recommendations relative to
6 endometriosis.

7 The commission shall consist of: 2 persons appointed by the senate president; 1 person
8 appointed by the senate minority leader; 2 persons appointed by the speaker of the house of
9 representatives; 1 person appointed by the house of representatives minority leader; the secretary
10 of the executive office of health and human services, or a designee; the commissioner of the
11 department of public health, or a designee; the commissioner of insurance, or a designee; 2
12 persons to be appointed by the governor; 1 person appointed by AllPaths Family Building who

13 has endometriosis or has a close family member with endometriosis; 1 person appointed by the
14 Center for Endometriosis Care of Mount Auburn Hospital; 1 person appointed by the
15 Endometriosis Summit who has endometriosis or has a close family member with endometriosis;
16 3 persons appointed by the Massachusetts Medical Society, including at least 1
17 obstetrician/gynecologist and at least 1 expert in desmoid tumors; and 1 person appointed by the
18 New England Fertility Society. The senate president and the speaker of the house of
19 representatives shall each designate a co-chair from their respective appointees.

20 The commission shall investigate and work to raise awareness and improve the care of
21 endometriosis, including, but not limited to: (i) an assessment of the availability of current
22 research and provider education about endometriosis, desmoid tumors, and other conditions that
23 occur more frequently in persons with endometriosis; (ii) provide assistance to the department of
24 public health, other state agencies and organizations in the development of professional and
25 public educational materials and programs on endometriosis; (iii) provide assistance to the
26 department of public health, other state agencies and organizations relative to applications for
27 federal funding to support efforts consistent with the mission and purpose of the commission;
28 and (iv) any other matters that the commission considers relevant to the fulfillment of its mission
29 and purpose.

30 The commission shall provide guidance and advice to the governor, the general court,
31 and the secretary of health and human services relative to current research on endometriosis
32 including, but not limited to, best and promising practices in the diagnosis and treatment of
33 endometriosis and recommend policies, including legislation, to improve public awareness of
34 and access to care for endometriosis. The special commission may conduct public hearings,
35 forums or meetings to gather information and to raise awareness of endometriosis.

36 The commission shall submit a report of its study and recommendations to the clerks of
37 the house of representatives and the senate and the senate and house committees on ways and
38 means not later than December 31, 2026.