

HOUSE No. 108

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shaunna L. O'Connell

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 the safe placement of newborn infants.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> |
| <i>Leah Cole</i> | <i>12th Essex</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Robert L. Hedlund</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |

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By Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 108) of Shaunna L. O'Connell and others for legislation to add 911 emergency responders to the list of locations for a safe surrender under the baby safe haven law. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 138 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act relative to the safe placement of newborn infants.

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 39 1/2 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, inclusive, the words "or
3 manned fire station" and inserting in place thereof the following:- , manned fire station or with
4 an emergency responder at an agreed upon location following a 911 call

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6 SECTION 2. Section 39 1/2 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
7 striking, in line 6, in the first instance in which it appears, the word "an" and inserting in place
8 thereof the following:- and

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10 SECTION 3. Section 39 1/2 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
11 striking out, in lines 16 and 17, inclusive, the words "hospital, police department or manned fire
12 station" and inserting in place thereof the following:- designated facility

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14 SECTION 4. Section 39 1/2 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
15 inserting, in line 17, after the word "police" the following:- , emergency responder