

HOUSE No. 1147

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb

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 promoting health equity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1147) of Mindy Domb and others relative to the preparation and availability of health disparities/equity impact statements . Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act promoting health equity.

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 16AA of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as inserted by section 7
2 of chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018, is hereby amended by adding after subsection (f) the
3 following subsection:-

4 (g) The secretary of health and human services shall annually, on the day assigned for
5 submission of the budget by the governor to the general court pursuant to section 7H of chapter
6 29, designate major initiatives of the commonwealth affecting the health and health care of
7 residents of the commonwealth. The initiatives may include any activity of the commonwealth
8 including, but not limited to, activities of the executive office of health and human services, the
9 executive office of housing and economic development, the executive office of public safety and
10 security, the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, the Massachusetts Department
11 of Transportation, the executive office of labor and workforce development and the executive
12 office of education.

13 For each major initiative, the office shall prepare a health disparities/equity impact
14 statement evaluating the likely positive or negative impact of each initiative on eliminating or
15 reducing racial and ethnic health disparities. The statements shall, to the extent possible, include
16 quantifiable impacts and evaluation benchmarks. The statements shall be posted on the official
17 internet site of the executive office of health and human services and submitted to the clerks of
18 the house of representatives and senate, members of the health disparities council, the joint
19 committees on public health and health care financing and the house and senate committees on
20 ways and means.