

HOUSE No. 1986

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Poirier

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 sterilization during surgery.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Elizabeth A. Poirier

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Bristol

HOUSE No. 1986

By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1986) of Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to the sterilization of surgery rooms and intensive care units. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1207 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act promoting sterilization during surgery.

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 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 184C, the following section:

3 Section 184D. Every hospital shall maintain in surgical and intensive care units, in a clear
4 and visible place the following directives:

- 5 (a) Wash your hands; (b) Clean the patient’s skin with chlorhexidine antiseptic; (c) Place
- 6 sterile drapes over the patient’s entire body; (d) Wear a sterile gown, hat, mask and gloves; (e)
- 7 Put a sterile dressing over the catheter site once the line is inserted.