

HOUSE No. 2071

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ellen Story

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 postpartum depression screening.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ellen Story

Benjamin Swan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Hampshire

11th Hampden

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By Ms. Story of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2071) of Ellen Story and Benjamin Swan that the Division of Medical Assistance provide coverage of screenings for postpartum depression. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3889 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to postpartum depression screening.

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 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 10G the
2 following: -

3 Section 10H. The division shall provide coverage of screenings by pediatricians for
4 postpartum depression in mothers of newly born children during any visit to a pediatrician's
5 office taking place for up to one year from the date of the child's birth.