

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2133**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Christine P. Barber and Lindsay N. Sabadosa***

*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 hormonal contraceptives.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/14/2023</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/14/2023</i>

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By Representatives Barber of Somerville and Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2133) of Christine P. Barber, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others relative to hormonal contraceptives. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to hormonal contraceptives.

*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 94C, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
2 by inserting, after section 19D, the following section:-

3 Section 19E. A registered pharmacist may prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive  
4 patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives to any person, regardless of whether  
5 the person has evidence of a previous prescription from a primary care practitioner or women’s  
6 health care practitioner for a hormonal contraceptive patch or self-administered oral hormonal  
7 contraceptive.

8 The board shall adopt rules to establish, in consultation with the Massachusetts Medical  
9 Board, the Massachusetts State Board of Nursing and MassHealth, and in consideration of  
10 guidelines established by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, standard  
11 procedures for the prescribing of hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral

12 hormonal contraceptives by pharmacists. The rules adopted under this subsection must require a  
13 pharmacist to:

14 (a) Complete a training program approved by the State Board of Pharmacy that is related  
15 to prescribing hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal  
16 contraceptives;

17 (b) Provide a self-screening risk assessment tool that the patient must use prior to the  
18 pharmacist's prescribing the hormonal contraceptive patch or self-administered oral hormonal  
19 contraceptive;

20 (c) Refer the patient to the patient's primary care practitioner or women's health care  
21 practitioner upon prescribing and dispensing the hormonal contraceptive patch or self-  
22 administered oral hormonal contraceptive;

23 (d) Provide the patient with a written record of the hormonal contraceptive patch or self-  
24 administered oral hormonal contraceptive prescribed and dispensed and advise the patient to  
25 consult with a primary care practitioner or women's health care practitioner; and

26 (e) Dispense the hormonal contraceptive patch or self-administered oral hormonal  
27 contraceptive to the patient as soon as practicable after the pharmacist issues the prescription.

28 The rules adopted must prohibit a pharmacist from requiring a patient to schedule an  
29 appointment with the pharmacist for the prescribing or dispensing of a hormonal contraceptive  
30 patch or self-administered oral hormonal contraceptive.