

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2288**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sheila C. Harrington***

*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 unborn children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2288) of Sheila C. Harrington and others relative to the use of anesthesia on a fetus prior to an abortion . The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to unborn children.

*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 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 12M the following section:-

3 Section 12M½. For the purpose of preventing fetal pain, no physician shall perform an  
4 abortion unless the physician anesthetizes the fetus; except in the following circumstances: (i) in  
5 the reasonable clinical judgment of the physician, such administration of anesthesia to the fetus  
6 would cause serious risk to the life of the mother; (ii) in the reasonable clinical judgment of the  
7 physician, such administration of anesthesia to the fetus would cause serious risk of substantial  
8 and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the mother; (iii) in the reasonable  
9 clinical judgment of the physician, the pregnancy has not yet reached 20 weeks gestation; or (iv)  
10 the mother directs that anesthesia not be administered to the fetus.