

HOUSE No. 2368

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan Meschino

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 notification of front-line health care workers to exposure of Coronavirus.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>

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By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2368) of Joan Meschino and others relative to notification of front-line health care workers to exposure of Coronavirus. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to notification of front-line health care workers to exposure of Coronavirus.

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 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding after Section 111C the following new section:-

3 Section 111D. For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the
4 following meaning:

5 "Health care worker", any doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or dental science, or a
6 registered nurse, social worker, doctor of chiropractic, or psychologist licensed under the
7 provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve, or an intern, or a resident, fellow, or medical
8 officer licensed under section nine of said chapter one hundred and twelve, or employees of a
9 hospital, clinic or nursing home licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and eleven,
10 a public hospital and its agents and employees, or a federally qualified health center and its
11 agents and employees.

12 Any health care worker who, while acting in his or her professional capacity, has been
13 exposed to a patient, colleague, or any other individual who has tested positive for the novel
14 Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19), shall be notified of said exposure orally within twenty-four
15 hours of exposure or confirmation of the individual's status as being capable of transmitting the
16 disease and in writing within forty-eight hours.

17 It shall be the responsibility of the healthcare worker's employer to notify the healthcare
18 worker of the exposure in writing.

19 Whoever violates any provision of this statute, shall be subject to a fine of not less than
20 \$1,000 for each violation.

21 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law or special law to the contrary, nothing
22 in this section shall constitute a violation of an individual's right to privacy regarding his or her
23 medical condition.