

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 03645**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***William C. Galvin, (BY REQUEST)***

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An act relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia Cushman*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*560 Pleasant Street, Stoughton, 02072*

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. [BILL NUMBER]) of Cynthia Cushman relative to patient information regarding reconstructive surgery. Public Health.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An act relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive 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 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following section:

3 Every facility that provides mastectomy surgery, lymph node dissection or a lumpectomy shall  
4 provide information to the patient concerning the option of reconstructive surgery following such  
5 procedures, including the availability of coverage for reconstructive surgery. The information  
6 shall be provided to the patient in writing and in advance of obtaining consent to the surgical  
7 procedure. The information provided shall include at least the following:

8 1. A description of the various reconstructive options and the advantages and disadvantages  
9 of each;

10 2. A description of the provisions assuring coverage by public and private insurance plans  
11 of the costs related to reconstructive surgery under Federal and State law;

- 12 3. A description of how a patient may access reconstructive care, including the potential of
- 13 transferring care to a facility that provides reconstructive care or choosing to pursue
- 14 reconstruction after completion of breast cancer surgery and chemo/radiotherapy if warranted.