

HOUSE No. 3889

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to postpartum depression screening.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Ellen Story</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i> | <i>14th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Tom Sannicandro</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Joan B. Lovely</i> | <i>Second Essex</i> |
| <i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i> | <i>Worcester and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. McGee</i> | <i>Third Essex</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i> | <i>11th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |

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By Ms. Story of Amherst, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ellen Story and others that the Division of Medical Assistance provide coverage of screenings for postpartum depression. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

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, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 10G the 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.