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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 1. Section 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the ninth paragraph in line 195 the  
3 following paragraph:

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

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

11          2.     A description of how a patient may obtain reconstructive care, including the  
12 potential of transferring care to a facility that provides reconstructive care or choosing to pursue  
13 reconstruction after completion of breast cancer surgery and chemo/radiotherapy, if any.