

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 498**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Norman J. Orrall, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 to reduce vaccine hesitancy.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christina Barefoot</i>	<i>5 Joshua Ln., Lakeville, MA 02347</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 498) of Christina Barefoot relative to the reporting of possible vaccine adverse events occurring in connection with vaccination. Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to reduce vaccine hesitancy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1            Subsection (s) of section 12C of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2            2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by changing title of said section 12C to “Immunity of  
3            physician or nurse administering immunization or other protective programs and reporting of  
4            possible vaccine adverse events” and by inserting, after the words “in carrying out his duties,”  
5            the following words:-All healthcare providers administering any currently available Covid-19  
6            vaccine or any future vaccine for any illness or condition, that is either recommended by the  
7            Center for Disease Control Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) or has  
8            received emergency use authorization by the United States Food and Drug Administration  
9            (FDA), must report any possible vaccine adverse events occurring in connection with  
10           vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) or any future vaccine  
11           reporting system developed by the CDC, FDA or other federal agency. The report must be made  
12           within 7 days of the identification or report of a possible vaccine adverse event whether it is or is  
13           not clear that a vaccine caused the adverse event.

14 A possible vaccine adverse event is defined as any new-onset symptom(s), medical  
15 condition(s) and/or exacerbation of pre-existing medical condition(s) and/or death occurring in  
16 temporal association with vaccine administration identified by any of the following person(s): a  
17 person having received a vaccine, a parent or guardian of a person having received a vaccine, or  
18 a health-care provider.

19 Healthcare providers practicing in settings, organizations, or practices with more than 10  
20 providers, in which at least one provider administers vaccinations, shall be required to have an  
21 automated vaccine adverse event detection and reporting system as part of the electronic medical  
22 health record. Any possible vaccine adverse event (as defined above) occurring within 6 weeks

23 of vaccination must be automatically identified and flagged for possible reporting within  
24 the electronic medical health record and, if appropriate, electronically submitted to VAERS. This  
25 system may be newly developed or a currently available open-sourced platform such as ESP-  
26 VAERS.

27 The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) shall commission a study on the  
28 long-term health outcomes of vaccine recipients including incidence of SARS-CoV-2, incidence  
29 of other infectious illnesses, incidence of autoimmune or inflammatory conditions and incidence  
30 of carcinomas at 2-5 year post vaccination, stratified by age, by comparing incidence rates of  
31 target health outcomes with non-vaccinated cohorts.