

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 00608**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Elizabeth Poirier*

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 promoting sterilization during surgery

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Mario Morini</i>	<i>67 Anchorage Road</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>N. Falmouth, MA 02556</i>

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By Ms. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 608) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others relative to the sterilization of surgery rooms and intensive care units. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 2135 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act promoting sterilization during surgery

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*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 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by inserting, after section 184C, the following section:
- 3 Section 184D. Every hospital shall maintain in surgical and intensive care units, in a clear and
- 4 visible place the following directives:
- 5 Wash your hands.
- 6 Clean the patient's skin with chlorhexidine antiseptic.
- 7 Place sterile drapes over the patient's entire body.

8 Wear a sterile gown, hat, mask and gloves.

9 Put a sterile dressing over the catheter site once the line is inserted.