

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 954**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Byron Rushing and Michael S. Day***

*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 updating the laws to protect women's health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>

<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>

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By Messrs. Rushing of Boston and Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 954) of Byron Rushing and others for legislation to further regulate the performing of abortions and protect women’s reproductive health . The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1608 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act updating the laws to protect women's health.

*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 12Q of chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: -

3 Except in an emergency requiring immediate action, no abortion may be performed under  
4 section twelve L or twelve M unless the written consent of the proper person has been delivered  
5 to the physician performing the abortion as set forth in section 12S.

6 SECTION 2. Section 19 of chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

7 SECTION 3. Section 20 of said chapter 272 is hereby repealed.

8 SECTION 4. Section 21 of said chapter 272 is hereby repealed.

9           SECTION 5. Section 21A of chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
10 striking out in lines 2, 4 and 8 the word “married”.