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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Louis L. Kafka**

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*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 relative to mastectomies.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to mastectomies..

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

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17H the following section:-

Section 17I. The commission shall provide to any active or retired female employee of the commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance coverage for the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

**SECTION 2**. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 47X the following section:-

Section 47Y. Any policy of accident or sickness insurance delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth pursuant to this chapter shall provide coverage for the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 176A is hereby amended by inserting after section 8Y the following section:-

Section 8Z. Any contract between a female subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group hospital service plan delivered or issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide for coverage of the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

**SECTION 4.**  Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in section 4Q the following section:-

Section 4R. Any individual female or group maintenance contract that issued renewal or delivered within or without the commonwealth shall provide coverage for the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

**SECTION 5**. Chapter 176I of the General laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 3 the following section:-

Section 3A. Health benefit policies or plans for covered females shall provide coverage for the costs of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

**SECTION 6**. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 the following section:-

Section 3. Any non group health plan offered, sold, issued, delivered, made effective or renewed by any carrier shall provide coverage for the costs of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care for females