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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Elizabeth Poirier**

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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 promoting sterilization during surgery.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act promoting sterilization during surgery.

*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 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 184C, the following section:

Section184D. Every hospital shall maintain in surgical and intensive care units, in a clear and visible place the following directives:

1. Wash your hands.
2. Clean the patient’s skin with chlorhexidine antiseptic.
3. Place sterile drapes over the patient’s entire body.
4. Wear a sterile gown, hat, mask and gloves.
5. Put a sterile dressing over the catheter site once the line is inserted.