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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Martin J. Walsh**

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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 Video and Audio Patient Protection System.

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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 Video and Audio Patient Protection System.

*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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 203 the following new section:-

203A (a) Every licensed hospital in Massachusetts shall allow any patient undergoing surgery to have the option at the patient’s expense, to have a licensed medical videographer, video and audio record the patients surgery. The videographer would not need to be in the operative room during the surgical procedure. A copy of the said surgery will be given to the hospital for their records free of charge. Failure to allow a patient to elect this option will result in a fine of not more than $10,000. (b)The DPH shall establish criteria for the licensure of medical videographers.

SECTION 2: Upon passage of this bill it shall be named, Leona’s Law