

HOUSE No.

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.

PETITION OF:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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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:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended
2 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 visible place
4 the following directives:

- 5 a. Wash your hands.
- 6 b. Clean the patient's skin with chlorhexidine antiseptic.
- 7 c. Place sterile drapes over the patient's entire body.
- 8 d. Wear a sterile gown, hat, mask and gloves.
- 9 e. Put a sterile dressing over the catheter site once the line is inserted.