

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1177**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Edward F. Coppinger*

*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 relative to defining invasive surgical procedures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Coppinger of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1177) of Edward F. Coppinger relative to defining certain invasive surgical procedures. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1288 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to defining invasive surgical procedures.

*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 112 Sections 66 to 73 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2018 Official Edition, and as amended by Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020, is hereby amended  
3 by inserting at the end of section 66B the following:

4 For the purposes of sections 66 to 73, inclusive and any rules or regulations promulgated  
5 pursuant thereto, “invasive surgical procedures” shall be defined as any procedures which  
6 structurally alter the human body by the incision or destruction or cutting of tissues. Invasive  
7 surgical procedures also include the diagnostic or therapeutic treatment of conditions or disease  
8 processes by any instruments causing localized alteration or transposition of live human tissue,  
9 or surgically implanted artificial prosthetics, which include lasers, ultrasound, ionizing radiation,  
10 scalpels, probes, and needles. The tissue can be cut, injected, burned, vaporized, frozen, sutured,

11 probed, or manipulated by closed reductions for major dislocations or fractures, or otherwise  
12 altered by mechanical, thermal, light-based, electromagnetic, chemical means, or other means.  
13 Invasive surgical procedures do not include the use of an epinephrine auto-injector to counteract  
14 anaphylaxis.

15 SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to restrict, limit or expand the current  
16 scope of practice authorized under Chapter 112 and in effect upon passage of this act, of any  
17 profession licensed under Chapter 112.