

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2035**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Elizabeth A. 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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act promoting sterilization during surgery.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Elizabeth A. Poirier*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*14th Bristol*

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2035) of Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to the sterilization of surgery rooms and intensive care units. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2053 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

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 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 184C, the following section:

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

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