

HOUSE No. 2135

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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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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
- 2 amended 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
- 4 place 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.