

HOUSE No. 879

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka

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 mastectomies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 879) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to health insurance coverage for mastectomies. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 931 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act relative to mastectomies.

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 32A of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
2 of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting after section 17K the following section:-

3 Section 17L. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission, coverage for the cost of a
5 mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
7 of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting after section 47DD the following section:-

8 Section 47EE. Any policy of accident or sickness insurance delivered, issued or renewed
9 in the commonwealth pursuant to this chapter shall provide coverage for the cost of a
10 mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

SECTION 3. Chapter 176A as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting after section 8EE the following section:-

Section 8FF. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group hospital service plan, which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall provide for coverage of the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4FF the following section:-

Section 4GG. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement delivered or issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide for coverage of the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4X the following section:-

Section 4Y. Any individual or group maintenance contract issued, renewed, or delivered within or without the commonwealth shall provide coverage for the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.