

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Rodrigues

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 relative to protecting against the transmission of Pertussis .

PETITION OF:

NAME: Michael J. Rodrigues DISTRICT/ADDRESS: First Bristol and Plymouth

SENATE DOCKET, NO. 307 FILED ON: 1/15/2013 SENATE No. 1093

By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1093) of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation for protection against the transmission of Pertussis . Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to protecting against the transmission of Pertussis .

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
 following section:-

3 Section 226: The commissioner shall adopt regulations requiring hospitals to provide

4 parents of newborns educational information on Pertussis disease and the availability of a

5 vaccine to protect against Pertussis. This educational information shall include, but need not be

6 limited to, information on the Center for Disease Control's recommendation that parents receive

7 Tdap during the post partum period to protect their newborns from the transmission of Pertussis.

8 This information shall be given to parents prior to the discharge of the newborn.