

SENATE No. 2074

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Joint, December 11, 2015.

BILL #: S1993

BILL STATUS: Favorable with Amendment

DISSENTERS:

None

ACCOMPANIED BILLS:

None

For the committee,

JAMES T. WELCH

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 235. The commissioner shall adopt regulations requiring hospitals to provide
4 parents of newborns educational information on pertussis and the availability of a vaccine to
5 protect against pertussis. This educational information shall include, but need not be limited to,
6 information on all individuals, including parents, who are recommended to receive the Tdap
7 vaccine during the postpartum period according to the schedule currently recommended by the
8 Centers for Disease Control to protect their newborns from the transmission of pertussis. This
9 information shall be given to parents prior to the discharge of the newborn. Nothing in this
10 section shall be construed to require a hospital to provide or pay for any vaccination against
11 pertussis.