

**SENATE . . . . . No. 641**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Harriette L. Chandler*

*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 updating the public health laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Gale D. Candaras</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 641) of Harriette L. Chandler, William N. Brownsberger, John W. Scibak, Martha M. Walz and other members of the General Court for legislation to update public health laws. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE

□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 671 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to updating the public health laws.

*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. Section 12Q of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following paragraph: -

4 Except in an emergency requiring immediate action, no abortion may be performed under  
5 section 12L or 12M unless the written consent of the proper person has been delivered to the  
6 physician performing the abortion as set forth in section 12S.

7 SECTION 2. Section 19 of chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

8 SECTION 3. Section 20 of said chapter 272 is hereby repealed.

9 SECTION 4. Section 21 of said chapter 272 is hereby repealed.

10 SECTION 5. Section 21A of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
11 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 2, 5, and 8 the word married”.