

By Mr. LoPresti, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 492) of Michael LoPresti, Jr., for legislation to direct the Commissioner of Public Health to study organ transplant procedures and other related matters. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SURVIVAL RATES OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT PATIENTS.

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

1 The commissioner of public health is hereby authorized and
2 directed to conduct an investigation and study of organ transplant
3 procedures, rates of survival, experience of the surgical team,
4 volume of operations and death rates at the transplant centers in
5 the commonwealth in order to determine whether survival rates
6 at transplant centers which fall below national survival rates are
7 causally related to the dispersal of transplant procedures among
8 too many centers and to a resulting low number of procedures
9 at each center.

10 The commissioner shall report the results of his investigation
11 and study and his recommendations, if any, for reducing excessive
12 deaths from organ transplant operations together with drafts of
13 legislation necessary to carry out such recommendations by filing
14 a copy of the same with the clerk of the senate on or before
15 September thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety.

