

By Mr. Bachrach, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 458) of George Bachrach, John A. Businger, Barbara E. Gray and Argeo Paul Cellucci that provision be made for an investigation and study by the Commissioner of Public Health relative to certain female-specific surgical procedures. Health Care.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

RESOLVE RELATIVE TO CERTAIN FEMALE-SPECIFIC SURGICAL PROCEDURES.

1 *Resolved*, The Commissioner of public health shall investigate  
2 and study the cost of the commonwealth of hysterectomies,  
3 caesarian sections, and sterilization of females, and shall compare  
4 the costs, rates and occurrences and trends of those surgical pro-  
5 cedures in the medicaid population, the statewide population and  
6 the nation as a whole.

7 The commissioner shall also examine what changes, if any, have  
8 occurred in costs to the commonwealth and in rates of occurrence  
9 of hysterectomies and sterilizations subsequent to implementation  
10 in March nineteen hundred and seventy-nine, of federal informed  
11 consent requirements.

12 The commissioner shall, in addition, analyze the differences, if  
13 any, in costs and rates of occurrence of those procedures, between  
14 the various providers of such services, such as health maintenance  
15 organizations, and whether different rates of such procedures  
16 occur when nurse-midwives or other nurse practitioners are part  
17 of the patient care team.

18 The commissioner shall report to the general court the results  
19 of its study and its recommendations, if any, by filing the same  
20 with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the last  
21 Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and eighty-six.

