

By Mr. Edward L. Burke, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 495) of Edward L. Burke, Argeo Paul Cellucci, Salvatore R. Albano, Sherwood Guernsey, David P. Magnani and Elizabeth M. Dunn for legislation to promote infant health. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROMOTE INFANT HEALTH.

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 legislature finds that it is established that breastfeeding is
2 unequalled as a way of providing food for the health growth and
3 development of infants, and breastfeeding, with its immunological
4 benefits, has been shown to be a significant preventive factor
5 against a variety of potentially serious infant illnesses. Breast-
6 feeding also provides its particular benefits at a low cost. Under
7 current practice, parents of infants, particularly new parents, are
8 now subjected to many factors which preclude an informed choice
9 regarding infant feeding and implementation of that choice, dis-
10 courage breastfeeding, and encourage the institution of less desir-
11 able feeding practices.

12 The Department of Public health therefore shall identify and
13 reduce those barriers in hospitals, clinics, community health
14 centers and the Women, Infant, Children program which keep
15 women from initiating or continuing to breastfeed their infants.
16 The Department of Public Health shall prepare a written policy
17 and regulations consistent with this purpose no later than January
18 1, 1987.

By the Senate I have a question for you to ask
for all in favor of the proposed amendment
please raise your right hand and say Amen.
I will repeat the question in English.

The Constitution of the State

Section 1. The legislative power shall be vested in the Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. The Senate shall be composed of
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one-half of whom shall be chosen in each year,
and the number shall not exceed twenty.

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- 2 members elected for a term of four years,
- 3 one-half of whom shall be chosen in each year,
- 4 and the number shall not exceed twenty.
- 5 The House of Representatives shall be composed of
- 6 members elected for a term of two years,
- 7 one-half of whom shall be chosen in each year,
- 8 and the number shall not exceed thirty.
- 9 The Senate and House of Representatives shall
- 10 choose their officers and the number shall not
- 11 exceed five.
- 12 The Senate shall have the sole and exclusive
- 13 power of impeachment, and the House of
- 14 Representatives shall have the sole and exclusive
- 15 power of impeachment and trial, and the
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