

By Mr. Edward L. Burke, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 462) of Edward L. Burke, Salvatore R. Albano, Argeo Paul Cellucci, Patricia G. Fiero, David P. Magnani, Helene Weitzenhorn and Norma Schulman for legislation to require certain disclosures to maternity patients by admitting hospitals. Health Care.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN DISCLOSURES TO MATERNITY PATIENTS BY ADMITTING HOSPITALS.

*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. The sixth paragraph of section 70E of chapter  
2 111 of the General Laws of 1985 is hereby amended by striking  
3 out clause (i) and inserting in place thereof the following new  
4 paragraph:

5 Every maternity patient, at the time of pre-admission, shall have  
6 the right to complete information from an admitting hospital:

7 (a) On its annual rate of primary caesarian sections; annual rate  
8 of repeat caesarian sections; the annual percentage of women who  
9 have had a caesarian section who have had a subsequent successful  
10 vaginal birth; the annual percentage of deliveries in birthing rooms  
11 and labor-delivery-recovery rooms; the annual percentage which  
12 were externally monitored only; the annual percentage which were  
13 internally monitored only; the annual percentage which were both  
14 internally and externally monitored; the annual percentage  
15 utilizing inductions, epidurals and general anesthesia; and the  
16 annual percentage of women breast-feeding upon discharge from  
17 said hospital.

1 SECTION 2. Data required by the provisions of section one  
2 of this act which is reported in the most recent Annual Hospital  
3 Statistical Report to the department of public health shall be made  
4 available by the hospital to the maternity patient at the time of

5 pre-admission and shall be made available immediately after the  
6 enactment of this legislation.