

HOUSE No. 2630

By Mrs. Kehoe of Dedham, petition of Marie-Louise Kehoe for legislation to require that copies of signed consent forms be provided to patients by surgical facilities or physicians at the time of discharge of such patients. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISIONS OF SURGICAL CONSENT FORMS TO PATIENTS UPON DISCHARGE.

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 70E of Chapter 111 as appearing in the 1986 Official
2 Edition is hereby amended by adding the following section in line
3 138:

4 (j) in the case of patients who have undergone any surgical
5 procedure requiring a signed consent form(s), notwithstanding the
6 location where same was performed, whether inpatient or out-
7 patient, a copy of any consent form(s) signed by the patient, or
8 his or her guardian, shall be provided to the patient by the surgical
9 facility or physician's office at the time of discharge.

