

HOUSE No. 5067

By Mr. Cohen of Newton, petition of David B. Cohen and other members of the House for legislation to provide counseling services for certain minors relative to the risks, choices and options regarding pregnancy. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING COUNSELING SERVICES FOR CERTAIN MINORS.

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 second paragraph of section 12S of chapter 112 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by adding the following: —

4 If a pregnant woman less than eighteen years of age who has
5 not married receives counseling from a physician or his designee
6 about the risks, choices and options regarding her pregnancy, a
7 physician may perform an abortion upon her provided she has
8 signed a consent form pursuant to the first paragraph, and the
9 counselor has signed a certification that he/she has counseled the
10 pregnant woman according to the risks, choices and options
11 regarding her pregnancy.

