

HOUSE No. 3315

By Mr. Colo of Athol, petition of H. Thomas Colo relative to the rights of a mother in adoption or abortion cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING A MOTHER THE RIGHTS OF ADOPTION OR ABORTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding after Section 12R of said chapter the following new
3 section:—

4 *Section 12S.* If an abortion is to be performed, the mother
5 shall be adequately informed by a physician as to her rights
6 under the law relative to an abortion.

7 The mother shall also be informed by a psychologist of all
8 rights, aids, facilities, programs, opportunities for adoption, or
9 other information or laws available to encourage her to allow
10 the child to be born.

11 Such rights, aids, facilities, programs, information or laws
12 shall include but not be limited to personal and medical prenatal
13 and post-natal care; financial assistance to provide community
14 based care for housing, physical well being, loss of wages, etc.;

15 and other aid for readjustments up to thirty (30) days after birth.
16 After birth should the child or children not be wanted by the
17 mother, the Commonwealth shall place the child or children for
18 adoption.

19 The Commonwealth may require of the adopting parents a fee
20 not to exceed \$3,000 or 50% of the aid costs provided which
21 shall be paid into the general fund.

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