

# SENATE. . . . . No. 1039

By Mr. White, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1039) of Marian Walsh, Michael R. Knapik and W. Paul White for legislation relative to patients' rights in the performance of abortions. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO PATIENTS' RIGHTS.

*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 111, Section 70E is hereby amended by adding the
- 2 following as a ninth paragraph:
- 3 Except in cases of emergency, at least 10 days before per-
- 4 forming an abortion on a patient, the physician who intends to
- 5 perform or induce the abortion shall inform the patient of the pos-
- 6 sible increased risk of breast cancer among certain women who
- 7 have abortions. This information shall include, but not be limited
- 8 to, a written summary of current information linking abortion to
- 9 breast cancer in certain women and a recommendation that each
- 10 patient seek information on the appropriate age she should begin
- 11 routine or baselines mammograms.

