

HOUSE No. 931

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 931) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to in-patient care for mastectomies. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill;

An Act relative to mastectomies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
William C. Galvin	6th Norfolk
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Walter F. Timilty	7th Norfolk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO MASTECTOMIES..

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.** Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
2 17H the following section:-

3 Section 17I. The commission shall provide to any active or retired female employee of the
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance coverage for the cost of a mastectomy
5 and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

6 **SECTION 2.** Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
7 47X the following section:-

8 Section 47Y. Any policy of accident or sickness insurance delivered, issued or renewed in the
9 commonwealth pursuant to this chapter shall provide coverage for the cost of a mastectomy and
10 coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

11 **SECTION 3.** Chapter 176A is hereby amended by inserting after section 8Y the following
12 section:-

13 Section 8Z. Any contract between a female subscriber and the corporation under an individual
14 or group hospital service plan delivered or issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall
15 provide for coverage of the cost of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-
16 patient care.

17 **SECTION 4.** Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in section 4Q
18 the following section:-

19 Section 4R. Any individual female or group maintenance contract that issued renewal or
20 delivered within or without the commonwealth shall provide coverage for the cost of a
21 mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

22 **SECTION 5.** Chapter 176I of the General laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 3
23 the following section:-

24 Section 3A. Health benefit policies or plans for covered females shall provide coverage for the
25 costs of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care.

26 **SECTION 6.** Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2
27 the following section:-

28 Section 3. Any non group health plan offered, sold, issued, delivered, made effective or renewed
29 by any carrier shall provide coverage for the costs of a mastectomy and coverage for a minimum
30 of 48 hours in-patient care for females