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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Viriato Manuel deMacedo

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:

An Act relative to unborn children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
James J. Lyons, Jr.	*18th Essex*

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By Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1930) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo and others for legislation to require physicians to anesthetize the fetus prior to performing certain abortions. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *3295* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act relative to unborn children.

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

Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 12M the following section:-

Section 12M½. For the purpose of preventing fetal pain, no physician shall perform an abortion unless the physician anesthetizes the fetus; except in the following circumstances: (i) in the reasonable clinical judgment of the physician, such administration of anesthesia to the fetus would cause serious risk to the life of the mother; (ii) in the reasonable clinical judgment of the physician, such administration of anesthesia to the fetus would cause serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the mother; (iii) in the reasonable clinical judgment of the physician, the pregnancy has not yet reached 20 weeks gestation; or (iv) the mother directs that anesthesia not be administered to the fetus.