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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise C. Garlick

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 regulating newborn pulse oximetry screening for congenital heart defects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Denise C. Garlick	*13th Norfolk*
Gailanne M. Cariddi	*1st Berkshire*
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*
Paul Brodeur	*32nd Middlesex*
Michael F. Rush	*Norfolk and Suffolk*
Nick Collins	*4th Suffolk*
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*
John J. Lawn, Jr.	*10th Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*

Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	*16th Middlesex*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*
Carlos Henriquez	*5th Suffolk*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1971) of Denise C. Garlick and others for legislation to further regulate newborn pulse oximetry screening for congenital heart defects. Public Health.

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An Act regulating newborn pulse oximetry screening for congenital heart defects.

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

Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17I, the following section:-

Section 17J

Section 1.Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17J, the following section:-

Be it enacted that birthing facilities shall be required to perform pulse oximetry screening. The Department of Public Health shall require each birthing facility to perform a pulse oximetry screening on every newborn in its care prior to discharge from the birthing facility.

SECTION 2. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in the following language in section 67F,:-

Section 67F "birthing facility" means an inpatient or ambulatory health care facility licensed by the Department of Public Health that provides birthing and newborn care services.

“pulse oximetry screening” means a non-invasive test that estimates the percentage of hemoglobin in blood that is saturated with oxygen; when performed on a newborns in delivery centers is effective at detecting critical, life-threatening congenital heart defects which otherwise go undetected by current screening methods

Each hospital and birthing center which provides newborn infant care shall submit to the department for its approval a protocol for newborn pulse oximetry screening.

20 The Department of Public Health shall promulgate regulations to implement the newborn
21 pulse oximetry screening program.