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HOUSE . . . . . No. 608

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Poirier

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 promoting sterilization during surgery

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
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By Ms. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 608) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others relative to the sterilization of surgery rooms and intensive care units. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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, NO. *2135* OF 2009-2010.]

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 184C, the following section:

Section184D. Every hospital shall maintain in surgical and intensive care units, in a clear and visible place the following directives:

Wash your hands.

Clean the patient's skin with chlorhexidine antiseptic.

Place sterile drapes over the patient's entire body.

Wear a sterile gown, hat, mask and gloves.

Put a sterile dressing over the catheter site once the line is inserted.