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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 newborn pulse oximetry screenings for congenital heart defects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Benjamin B. Downing	*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*
John J. Lawn, Jr.	*10th Middlesex*
William N. Brownsberger	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*
Kenneth J. Donnelly	*Fourth Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Michael R. Knapik	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*
Kathleen O'Connor Ives	*First Essex*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1008) of Benjamin B. Downing, Sal N. DiDomenico, John J. Lawn, Jr., William N. Brownsberger and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to screenings for congenital heart defects for newborns. Public Health.

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An Act relative to newborn pulse oximetry screenings 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:

SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 67H the following new section:-

Section 67I. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"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

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 to be performed on every newborn in its care prior to discharge.

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