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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 to increase access to mental health services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*
Garrett J. Bradley	*3rd Plymouth*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*3rd Berkshire*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Kenneth I. Gordon	*21st Middlesex*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1793) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to increase access to mental health services. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act to increase access to mental health services.

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. Subsection (g) of said section 7 of chapter 94C of the general laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the second paragraph by striking out, in lines 129 and 130, and in lines 138 and 139, the words “and psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists”.

SECTION 2. Subsection (g) of said section 7 of chapter 94C of the general laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph;-

The commissioner shall promulgate regulations which provide for the registration of psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists as defined in section 80 B of chapter 112, to issue written prescriptions in accordance with regulations pursuant to section 80I of chapter 112. Prior to promulgating such regulations, the commissioner shall consult with the board of registration in nursing with regard to those schedules of controlled substances for which psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists may be registered.

SECTION 3. Section 80E of Chapter 112 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2 and in lines 7 and 8, the words “or psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist”.

SECTION 4. Chapter 112 is hereby amended by adding section 80I: -

Section 80I. A nurse authorized to practice as a psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist pursuant to section 80B, may order and interpret tests, therapeutics and prescribe medications in accordance with regulations promulgated by the board and subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of section 7 of chapter 94C.