

**SENATE . . . . . No. 988**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard T. Moore***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to improve access to child and adolescent mental health services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Richard T. Moore*

*11th Middlesex*

*Kay Khan*

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By Mr. Moore, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 988) of Khan and Moore for legislation to improve access to child and adolescent mental health services [Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2223 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to improve access to child and adolescent 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:*

1                   SECTION 1. Section 22 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the last paragraph, inserted by section 1 of chapter 80 of the acts of  
3 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

4                   For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a  
5 licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a  
6 licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse  
7 mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist.

8                   SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby  
9 amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 2 of chapter 80 of the  
10 acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

11 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a  
12 licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a  
13 licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse  
14 mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist.

15 SECTION 3. Section A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby  
16 amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 4 of chapter 80 of the  
17 acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

18 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a  
19 licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a  
20 licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse  
21 mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist.

22 SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby  
23 amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 6 of chapter 80 of the  
24 acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

25 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a  
26 licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a  
27 licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse  
28 mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist.

29 SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby  
30 amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 10 of chapter 80 to the  
31 acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

32           For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a  
33 licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a  
34 licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse  
35 mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist.

36                       SECTION 6. This act shall apply to all policies, contracts, agreements, plans  
37 and certificates of insurance issued or delivered within or without the commonwealth on or after  
38 March 1, 2010, and to all policies, contracts, agreements, plans and certificates of insurance in  
39 effect before that date upon renewal or after March 1, 2012.