

HOUSE No. 1926

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act improving access to rehabilitation counseling..

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, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the final paragraph and inserting in place thereof
3 the following paragraph:—For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional”
4 shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed
5 psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a
6 licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation counselor.

7 SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in
9 place thereof the following paragraph:—For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health
10 professional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a
11 licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health
12 counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation
13 counselor.

14 SECTION 3. Section 8A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
15 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in
16 place thereof the following paragraph:— For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health
17 professional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a
18 licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health
19 counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation
20 counselor.

21 SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
22 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in
23 place thereof the following paragraph:— For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health
24 professional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a
25 licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health
26 counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation
27 counselor.

28 SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
29 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in
30 place thereof the following paragraph:— For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health
31 professional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a
32 licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health
33 counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation
34 counselor.