

HOUSE No. 2085

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act establishing the Massachusetts commission on advanced practice nursing ..

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. There shall be a special commission on advanced practice nursing. For the
2 purposes of this commission, advanced practice nurses shall mean nurse practitioners, nurse
3 midwives, nurse anesthetists and psychiatric clinical nurse specialists. The commission shall
4 make a report and recommendations regarding advanced practice nursing including, but not
5 limited to, the supply and demand for advanced practice nursing services, the barriers to practice,
6 the cost-effectiveness of advanced practice nursing and strategies to further develop the role of
7 advanced practice nurses in improving access to primary care, obstetrical and gynecological care,
8 anesthesia care and mental health services.

9 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of 18 members as follows: 3 members of the
10 house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be designated as co-chair and 1 of whom shall be
11 appointed by the minority leader; 3 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be designated as co-
12 chair and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; the secretary of health and human
13 services or his designee; the commissioner of public health or his designee; the director of
14 Medicaid or his designee; the chairperson of the board of registration in nursing or his designee;

15 and 8 persons to be appointed by the co-chairs, 1 each from a list of nominees to be submitted by
16 each of the following organizations: the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of
17 Nurse Midwives, the Massachusetts Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the Massachusetts
18 Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, Nurses United for Responsible Services, the Massachusetts
19 Organization of Nurse Executives, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, the Massachusetts
20 Association of Registered Nurses and the Massachusetts Center for Nursing.

21 SECTION 3. The commission may recommend legislation or regulatory changes and
22 shall file its report and recommendations with the governor and the chairs of the joint committee
23 on public health, the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate
24 committees on ways and means within 5 months after the effective date of this act.