

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1188**

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to insurance coverage for mental health.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                  | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Kay Khan</i>        | <i>11th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/20/2011</i> |
| <i>Peter V. Kocot</i>  | <i>1st Hampshire</i>  | <i>2/3/2011</i>  |
| <i>Denise Provost</i>  | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2011</i>  |
| <i>Tom Sannicandro</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i>  | <i>2/2/2011</i>  |

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1188) of Kay Khan and others relative to insurance coverage for mental health. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 937 OF 2009-2010.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act relative to insurance coverage for mental health.

*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. Chapter 32A of the General Laws as so appearing is hereby further  
2 amended in section 22 subsection (g) by inserting, in line 83 after the word “license.”, the  
3 following:--

4 Any willing licensed mental health professional as defined in this chapter, section 22(i),  
5 shall be able to provide treatment to the insured not limited to that individual’s participation as a  
6 network credentialed provider.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws as so appearing is hereby further amended  
8 in section 47B subsection (g) by inserting, in line 86 after the word “license.”, the following:--

9 Any willing licensed mental health professional as defined in this chapter, section 22(i),  
10 shall be able to provide treatment to the insured not limited to that individual's participation as a  
11 network credentialed provider.

12 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws as so appearing is hereby further  
13 amended in section 8A subsection (g) by inserting, in line 84 after the word "license.", the  
14 following:--

15 Any willing licensed mental health professional as defined in this chapter, section 22(i),  
16 shall be able to provide treatment to the insured not limited to that individual's participation as a  
17 network credentialed provider.

18 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws as so appearing is hereby further  
19 amended in section 4A subsection (g) by inserting, in line 86 after the word "license.", the  
20 following:--

21 Any willing licensed mental health professional as defined in this chapter, section 22(i),  
22 shall be able to provide treatment to the insured not limited to that individual's participation as a  
23 network credentialed provider.

24 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws as so appearing is hereby further  
25 amended in section 4M subsection (g) by inserting, in line 84 after the word "license.", the  
26 following:--

27 Any willing licensed mental health professional as defined in this chapter, section 22(i),  
28 shall be able to provide treatment to the insured not limited to that individual's participation as a  
29 network credentialed provider.