

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1477**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul J. Donato***

*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 streamline health care services by allowing nurse practitioners to verify medical papers and records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Susan C. Fargo</i>		<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Stephen Stat Smith</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2011</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>

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By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1477) of Paul J. Donato and others for legislation to permit nurse practitioners to endorse certain documents requiring the signature of a physician. Public Health.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act to streamline health care services by allowing nurse practitioners to verify medical papers and records.

*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 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 official edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding after Section 80H, the following new Section:-

3 Section 80I. Global signature authority of a nurse practitioner.

4 When a provision of law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification,  
5 affidavit or endorsement by a physician, that requirement may be fulfilled by a nurse practitioner  
6 practicing under section 80B of chapter 112. This section may not be construed to expand the  
7 scope of practice of a nurse practitioner.