

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1490**

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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 the title of practitioners of dentistry.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Kay Khan*

*11th Middlesex*

*Denise Provost*

*27th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1490) of Kay Khan and Denise Provost relative to the professional title of practitioners of dentistry and use of the term "oral physician" in such practice. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2081 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the title of practitioners of dentistry.

*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 8A of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the second sentence the following  
3 words:- “or the use of the term “oral physician” by individuals licensed and practicing under  
4 section 43 to 53 inclusive.”

5           SECTION 2. Section 43A of said chapter 112 is hereby amended by inserting the  
6 following definition:- “dentist” or “oral physician”, a person who lawfully practices dentistry.