

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2369**

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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 enhancing the practice of nurse midwives.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>		<i>1/28/2011</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2011</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2011</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>		<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>		<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>		<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>		<i>1/27/2011</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>

<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>David M. Torrasi</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Alice K. Wolf</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2011</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2369) of Kay Khan and others relative to certified professional midwives and enhancing the practice of nurse-midwives. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An act relative to enhancing the practice of nurse midwives.

*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: Subsection (g) of said section 7 of chapter 94C 8 of the general laws, as so  
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following paragraph:

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5 The commissioner shall promulgate regulations which provide for the registration of  
6 certified nurse-midwives,as provided in section 80G of chapter 112, to issue written prescriptions  
7 in accordance with regulations as provided for in section 80B of chapter 112. Prior to  
8 promulgating such regulations, the commissioner shall consult with the board of registration in  
9 nursing and the board of registration in medicine with regard to those schedules of controlled  
10 substances for which certified nurse-midwives may be registered.

11 SECTION 2. Section 80C of chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

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13           SECTION 3. Said chapter 112, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition is hereby  
14 amended by striking out section 80G and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

15           Section 80G. A nurse authorized to practice as a certified nurse-midwife  
16           may order and interpret tests, therapeutics and prescribe medications in accordance with  
17 regulations promulgated by the board and subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of section 7  
18 of chapter 94C.”