

HOUSE No. 3627

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

Resolve establishing the Massachusetts commission on advanced practice nursing.

1 **Resolved,**

2 SECTION 1. There shall be a special commission on advanced practice nursing. For the
3 purposes of this commission, advanced practice nurses shall mean nurse practitioners, nurse
4 midwives, nurse anesthetists and psychiatric clinical nurse specialists. The commission shall
5 make a report and recommendations regarding advanced practice nursing including, but not
6 limited to, the supply and demand for advanced practice nursing services; the barriers to practice,
7 including, but not limited to, the practices of providers and insurers in the commonwealth; the
8 success of workforce development programs for advanced practice nurses the commonwealth;
9 the cost-effectiveness of advanced practice nursing and strategies to further develop the role of
10 advanced practice nurses in improving access to primary care, obstetrical and gynecological care,
11 anesthesia care and mental health services.

12 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of 21 members as follows: 3 members of the
13 house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be designated as co-chair and 1 of whom shall be
14 appointed by the minority leader; 3 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be designated as co-
15 chair and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; the secretary of health and human

16 services or his designee; the commissioner of public health or his designee; the director of
17 Medicaid or his designee; the chairperson of the board of registration in nursing or his designee;
18 the commissioner of the division of insurance, or his designee; the executive director of the
19 group insurance commission, or his designee; the attorney general or his designee; and 8 persons
20 to be appointed by the co-chairs, 1 each from a list of nominees to be submitted by each of the
21 following organizations: the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Nurse
22 Midwives, the Massachusetts Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the Massachusetts Coalition of
23 Nurse Practitioners, Nurses United for Responsible Services, the Massachusetts Organization of
24 Nurse Executives, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, the Massachusetts Association of
25 Registered Nurses and the Massachusetts Center for Nursing.

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