

SENATE No. 982

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 behavioral health emergency services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

James B. Eldridge

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By Ms. Flanagan, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 982) of Eldridge and Flanagan for legislation relative to behavioral health emergency services [Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to behavioral health emergency services.

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 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 53G the following new section:-

3 Section 53H. Any entity seeking licensure or license renewal under section 51 as a clinic
4 providing mental health services or substance abuse services shall be deemed to be in
5 compliance with the conditions of licensure as a clinic under section 51 if it is accredited to
6 provide services by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, the
7 Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Council on Accreditation or any
8 other national accrediting body that the department determines provides reasonable assurances
9 that such conditions are met.