

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1798**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Malia***

*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 mental health and substance abuse clinics.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1798) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to mental health and substance abuse clinics. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1426 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to mental health and substance abuse clinics.

*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 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.