

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1787**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Josh S. Cutler*

*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 expanding access and safety of mental health services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/14/2015</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2015</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>

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By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1787) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to expanding access to and safety of mental health services. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to expanding access and safety of mental health 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. Section 1 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Likelihood of serious  
3 harm” the following definition:-

4 “Mental health counselor”, a person licensed or eligible for licensure under section 165 of  
5 chapter 112.

6 SECTION 2. Section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
7 inserting after the figure “112”, in line 7, the following words:- , or a mental health counselor  
8 licensed pursuant to section 165 of chapter 112.

9 SECTION 3. Said section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further  
10 amended by inserting after the word “specialist”, in line 16 and in line 21, in each instance, the  
11 following words:- , or licensed mental health counselor.

12 SECTION 4. Section 22 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
13 inserting after the word “specialists”, in line 2, the following words:- , licensed mental health  
14 counselors.

15 SECTION 5. Said section 22 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further  
16 amended by inserting after the word “specialist”, in line 7, the following words:- , licensed  
17 mental health counselor.

18 SECTION 6. Section 35 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
19 inserting after the words “physician”, in line 10, the following words:- , licensed independent  
20 clinical social worker or licensed mental health counselor.