# **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 1805**

## 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 providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	1/15/2015
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk	10/1/2019
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	10/1/2019
Mathew Muratore	1st Plymouth	10/1/2019
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex	10/1/2019
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	10/1/2019
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	10/1/2019

FILED ON: 1/15/2015

## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 1805**

By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1805) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

# [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 1797 OF 2013-2014.]

### The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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

An Act providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers.

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 12 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the ninth paragraph the following
- 3 sentence:-
- 4 The Division shall ensure that all contracted health insurers, health plans, health
- 5 maintenance organizations, and behavioral health management firms and third party
- 6 administrators provide comparable access to behavioral health services, benefits, and
- 7 medications in providing medical assistance to recipients.