HOUSE . . . . No. 1810

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 behavioral health telemedicine.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	1/15/2015
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	10/1/2019
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	10/1/2019
Mathew Muratore	1st Plymouth	10/1/2019
Anne M. Gobi	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex	10/1/2019
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk	10/1/2019

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1810) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others for legislation to mandate coverage for telemedicine behavioral health services in circumstances when office visits are not practical. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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

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An Act relative to behavioral health telemedicine.

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 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official

2   Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 10G the following new section:-

3   "Section 10H. The division shall provide coverage for telemedicine behavioral health

4   services in circumstances where geography, specialty or linguistic and cultural capacity dictates

5   that in office visits are not within a reasonable distance."

6   SECTION 2. Section 47BB of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012

7   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (a) the following new

8   paragraph:-

9   "(b) An insurer shall cover telemedicine behavioral health services in circumstances

10   where geography, specialty or linguistic or cultural capacity dictates that in office visits are not

11   within a reasonable distance."