

SENATE No. 1085

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Viriato M. deMacedo

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 enabling physician assistants to authorize psychiatric and substance abuse holds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. deMacedo, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1085) of Viriato M. deMacedo and Thomas J. Calter for legislation to enable physician assistants to authorize psychiatric and substance abuse holds. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act enabling physician assistants to authorize psychiatric and substance abuse holds.

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 12 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended, in line 8, by inserting after the words “licensed independent social worker
3 licensed pursuant to sections 130 to 137, inclusive, of chapter 112,” the following words:

4 “or a Physician Assistant licensed pursuant to section 9(e) of chapter 112.”

5 Section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
6 is hereby amended, in line 14, by inserting after the word “physician” the following words:

7 “or a Physician Assistant licensed pursuant to section 9(e) of chapter 112.”