

SENATE No. 605

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 physician assistants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Harriette L. Chandler

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Worcester

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 605) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to physician assistants. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 565 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to physician assistants.

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 2 of Chapter 176S of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “commission” in line 1, the following
3 words “in addition to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services”.

4 Section 2 of Chapter 176S of the General Laws, as so appearing, is further amended by
5 inserting after the word “carriers” in line 2, the following words –“including the medical
6 assistance program administered by the office of Medicaid pursuant to Chapter 118E and in
7 accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act or any successor statute.

8 Section 8 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is amended by adding
9 the following paragraph to subsection e1/2 –

10 “A participating provider physician assistant practicing within the scope of such
11 physician’s license, including all regulations requiring collaboration with or supervision by a
12 physician under section 9E of Chapter 112, shall be considered qualified within this Chapter’s
13 definition of primary care provider to an insured.”