

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick Joseph Kearney

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 out-of-state medical licensing reciprocity during the COVID-19 emergency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>

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By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and Nika C. Elugardo relative to providing out-of-state medical licensing reciprocity during the COVID-19 emergency. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act providing out-of-state medical licensing reciprocity during the COVID-19 emergency.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to maximize those efforts to protect the health and safety of Massachusetts residents by granting medical licensing reciprocity to those individuals in public and private health care, emergency, and other entities engaged in efforts throughout the state to treat and prevent the additional spread of COVID-19, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, health and convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding sections 2 through 12DD of chapter 112 of the General Laws, any out-
2 of-state licensed medical personnel entering Massachusetts to assist in preparing for, responding
3 to, mitigating the effects of, and recovering from COVID-19 shall be permitted to provide
4 services in the same manner as provided in M.G.L c. 112 with respect to licensing and
5 certification. Permission for any such individual rendering service is subject to the approval of
6 the Commissioner of Public Health and shall be in effect for a period of time not to exceed 90
7 days after the end of the Governor’s state of emergency.