

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1278**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John F. Keenan***

*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 the advanced nursing practice.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John F. Keenan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1278) of John F. Keenan for legislation relative to the advanced nursing practice. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1210 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the advanced nursing practice.

*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 1 of chapter 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after the definition for “Marihuana” the following definition:-

3 “Medication Order”, an order for medication that is entered on a patient's medical record  
4 maintained at a hospital, other health facility, or ambulatory health care setting and that is  
5 dispensed only for immediate administration at the facility to the ultimate user by an individual  
6 who under chapter 94C may prescribe and administer such medication. Where this chapter  
7 requires a prescription, a "Medication Order" shall satisfy such requirement for all purposes.

8 SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 94C is hereby further amended by adding the  
9 following 2 subsections to the definition of “practitioner”:-

10 (d) A nurse practitioner, only if said nurse practitioner has independent practice authority  
11 under section 80E of chapter 112, who is registered to distribute, dispense, conduct research with  
12 respect to, or use in teaching or chemical analysis, a controlled substance in the course of  
13 professional practice or research in the commonwealth.

14 (e) A nurse anesthetist, only if said nurse anesthetist has independent practice authority  
15 under section 80H of chapter 112, who is registered to distribute, dispense, conduct research with  
16 respect to, or use in teaching or chemical analysis, a controlled substance in the course of  
17 professional practice or research in the commonwealth.

18 SECTION 3. Subsection (d) of section 7 of said chapter 94C, as appearing in the 2016  
19 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out paragraph (7) and inserting in place  
20 thereof the following paragraph: -

21 (7) any person performing the nursing services which do not require licensure as a nurse  
22 by clauses (1), (2), (3) and (5) of section 80B of chapter 112 when any such person is acting  
23 under the supervision of a practitioner;

24 SECTION 4. Section 7 of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
25 by inserting after the words “or veterinarian” in line 122 the following: - “or to a nurse  
26 practitioner with independent practice authority pursuant to section 80E of chapter 112, or to a  
27 nurse anesthetist with independent practice authority pursuant to section 80H of chapter 112,”