

SENATE No. 55

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 applied behavior analysis services.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>John F. Keenan</i> | <i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i> | |
| <i>David T. Vieira</i> | <i>3rd Barnstable</i> | |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Hunt</i> | <i>13th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i> | <i>9th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i> | <i>First Essex</i> | <i>2/4/2019</i> |
| <i>Joan B. Lovely</i> | <i>Second Essex</i> | <i>2/15/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 55) of John F. Keenan, David T. Vieira, Mathew J. Muratore, Daniel J. Hunt and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to applied behavior analysis services. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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

An Act relative to applied behavior analysis services.

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 is hereby amended by adding after section 10J the following
2 section:-

3 Section 10K. The division shall provide coverage for applied behavior analysis treatment
4 for individuals 21 years of age and older who are receiving medical coverage under this chapter
5 and who are diagnosed with an intellectual disability as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 123B or
6 a developmental disability as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 123B. This treatment shall be
7 covered when prescribed as medically necessary by a licensed physician and with clinical
8 direction by a licensed applied behavior analyst.