

SENATE No. 153

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam G. Hinds

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 to ensure timely physician licensure.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/5/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>

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By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 153) of Adam G. Hinds, Kay Khan, Mindy Domb, Jon Santiago and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure timely physician licensure. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

An Act to ensure timely physician licensure.

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 2 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the first paragraph by inserting after the second sentence
3 the following sentence:-

4 The board shall implement administrative procedures to ensure that applications for
5 registration, including registration of qualified physicians who have been licensed or registered
6 upon a written examination in another state pursuant to paragraph 3 of this section, are reviewed
7 and processed within 90 days from the date of submission.

8 SECTION 2. Said section 2 of chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
9 inserting after the sixth paragraph the following paragraph:-

10 If the board has not made a determination on a physician’s application for renewal of the
11 certificate of registration within 90 days from the date of submission of a complete renewal
12 application, the board shall issue a temporary registration to the physician so that the physician

- 13 can complete the internal hospital credentialing and privileging process at the hospital at which
- 14 the physician is employed or at the hospital at which the physician will be employed.