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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2075

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler

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 expanding access and safety of mental health services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Josh S. Cutler	*6th Plymouth*	*2/16/2021*
Joan B. Lovely	*Second Essex*	*2/22/2021*
Paul F. Tucker	*7th Essex*	*2/22/2021*
Steven G. Xiarhos	*5th Barnstable*	*2/22/2021*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*2/22/2021*
Kathleen R. LaNatra	*12th Plymouth*	*2/24/2021*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*2/24/2021*
Patrick Joseph Kearney	*4th Plymouth*	*2/26/2021*
Brian W. Murray	*10th Worcester*	*2/26/2021*
Susan L. Moran	*Plymouth and Barnstable*	*2/26/2021*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*2/26/2021*
Susannah M. Whipps	*2nd Franklin*	*3/2/2021*
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	*2nd Worcester*	*3/6/2021*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*3/9/2021*
Michael P. Kushmerek	*3rd Worcester*	*3/10/2021*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*	*3/15/2021*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*	*4/7/2021*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*	*4/13/2021*

Tami L. Gouveia	*14th Middlesex*	*4/19/2021*
Steven C. Owens	*29th Middlesex*	*4/25/2021*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*4/27/2021*
Danillo A. Sena	*37th Middlesex*	*7/19/2021*
Edward R. Philips	*8th Norfolk*	*9/7/2021*
Carol A. Doherty	*3rd Bristol*	*9/23/2021*
Kate Lipper-Garabedian	*32nd Middlesex*	*11/3/2021*

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By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2075) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to expanding access and safety of mental health services. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1705* OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act relative to expanding access and safety of mental health services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "Likelihood of serious harm" the following definition:-

"Mental health counselor", a person licensed or eligible for licensure under section 165 of chapter 112.

SECTION 2. Section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure "112", in line 7, the following words:- , or a mental health counselor licensed pursuant to section 165 of chapter 112.

SECTION 3. Said section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “specialist”, in line 16 and in line 21, in each instance, the following words:- , or licensed mental health counselor.

SECTION 4. Section 22 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “specialists”, in line 2, the following words:- , licensed mental health counselors.

SECTION 5. Said section 22 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “specialist”, in line 7, the following words:- , licensed mental health counselor.