

HOUSE No. 2124

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward R. Philips

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 enabling physician assistants to authorize psychiatric holds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>

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By Mr. Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2124) of Edward R. Philips and others relative to enabling physician assistants to authorize psychiatric holds. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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

An Act enabling physician assistants to authorize psychiatric holds.

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 12 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 8, by inserting after the words “licensed independent
3 social worker licensed pursuant to sections 130 to 137, inclusive, of chapter 112,” the following
4 words: “or a Physician Assistant licensed pursuant to section 9(e) of chapter 112”.

5 SECTION 2. Said section is hereby amended, in line 17, by inserting after the words
6 “qualified psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist,” the following words, “physician
7 assistant,”.

8 SECTION 3. Said section is hereby amended, in line 21, by inserting after the words
9 “qualified psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist,” the following words, “physician
10 assistant,”.