

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2242**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Gerard J. Cassidy***

*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 promote team based health care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2242) of Gerard J. Cassidy relative to multidisciplinary health care teams and further regulating advanced practice nurses. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to promote team based health care.

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

1 Chapter 112 Section 80B, as amended by Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020, is hereby  
2 amended by adding at the end of the seventh paragraph the following:

3 Said regulations shall further require an advance practice nurse who has independent  
4 practice authority, under sections 80E or 80H, to practice within a health care system and have  
5 clinical relationships with physicians that provide for consultation, collaborative management, or  
6 referral, as indicated by the health status of the patient. For purposes of this section, a clinical  
7 relationship shall mean a professional collaboration between an advance practice nurse and  
8 physician licensed by the Commonwealth and in the same specialty as the advanced practice  
9 nurse, that, within the health care system and as indicated by the health status of the patient,  
10 effectively provides for consultation, collaborative management or referral.