

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 647**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kay Khan*

*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 group care facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/21/2021</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 647) of Kay Khan and others relative to licensing group care facilities under the control of the Department of Early Education and Care that serve students with special needs. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 514 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to group care facilities.

*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 1A of chapter 15D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the definition of “Group care facility” by adding after the  
3 first sentence the following sentence:-

4           Private residential special education schools that provide regular residential care shall be  
5 considered group care facilities only if the schools provide special education services that are  
6 intended to lead to a high school degree or its equivalency, excluding independent living  
7 programs, to children with special needs under the age of 22.