

SENATE No. 1306

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1306) of Michael O. Moore, Patrick M. O'Connor, Joan B. Lovely and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to enable 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 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “licensed independent social
3 worker licensed pursuant to sections 130 to 137, inclusive, of chapter 112,” in line 8, the
4 following words:- or a physician assistant licensed pursuant to section 9(e) of chapter 112.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
6 inserting after the words “qualified psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist,” in lines
7 17 and 21, in each instance, the following words:- physician assistant,.