

HOUSE No. 1973

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler and Kathleen R. LaNatra

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 further enhance behavioral health workforce development.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>

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By Representatives Cutler of Pembroke and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1973) of Josh S. Cutler, Kathleen R. LaNatra and Vanna Howard for legislation to further enhance behavioral health workforce development. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to further enhance behavioral health workforce development.

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. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the Secretary of
2 the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) shall direct the Commissioners of
3 the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Youth Services (DYS), the
4 Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Public Health (DPH), and the
5 Department of Personnel Administration, to update the official Job Classification Specifications
6 to include Licensed Mental Health Counselors(LMHCs) and Licensed Supervised Mental Health
7 Counselors (LSMHCs) to the full extent of their scopes’ of practice.

8 SECTION 2. Said revisions to the Job Classification Specifications must be completed by
9 September 1, 2023. All relevant behavioral health job postings for positions in the
10 aforementioned Departments under the jurisdiction of EEOHS will reflect these revisions by
11 September 1, 2023.