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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 establishing a commission to study the feasibility of joining the counseling compact.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*1/16/2025*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*1/17/2025*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*	*1/31/2025*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*	*3/10/2025*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*1/30/2025*
Andres X. Vargas	*3rd Essex*	*2/11/2025*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*5/5/2025*

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2215) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the feasibility of joining the counseling compact. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *4753* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act relative to establishing a commission to study the feasibility of joining the counseling compact.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a commission to study the feasibility of Massachusetts joining the counseling compact for licensed mental health counselors.

SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on consumer protection and professional licensure, who shall serve as the co-chairs; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on health care financing or their designee; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery, or their designee; one member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; one member to be appointed by the house minority leader; one member to be appointed by the senate

president; one member to be appointed by the senate minority leader; the commissioner of the department of mental health or designee; one member of the board of Massachusetts Mental Health Counselors Association, Inc.; one member of the Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professionals; one member of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health; and one member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Greater Boston.

SECTION 3. The commission shall study the feasibility of joining the counseling compact for licensed mental health counselors and make recommendations to the legislature.

SECTION 4. The commission shall submit its report and findings, along with any recommendations and drafted legislation, to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate within 6 months of the passage of this act.