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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Kathleen R. LaNatra***

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*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.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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

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.