SENATE . . . . No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

John J. Cronin

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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 enabling physician assistants to authorize psychiatric holds and ensure adequate training on their use.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John J. Cronin	*Worcester and Middlesex*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2007* OF 2023-2024.]

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

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An Act enabling physician assistants to authorize psychiatric holds and ensure adequate training on their use.

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. The first sentence of subsection (a) of section 12 of chapter 123 of the

2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the words "section 2 of chapter 112," the

3 following words:- a physician assistant licensed pursuant to section 9E of chapter 112,.

4 SECTION 2. The second sentence of said subsection (a) of said section 12 of said chapter

5 123 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "physician," the following words:- , physician

6 assistant.

7 SECTION 3. The third sentence of said subsection (a) of said section 12 of said chapter

8 123 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "physician," the following words:- , physician

9 assistant.

10   SECTION 4. Section 12 of said chapter 123 is hereby amended by adding the following

11   subsection:-

12   (f) Before any individual authorized by this section shall restrain an individual or

13   authorize a psychiatric hold, the individual shall undergo 3 hours of specialized training in direct

14   mental health evaluation. The training shall be developed pursuant to regulations and

15   specifications by the department of mental health.