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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act creating a nursing advisory board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*[District]*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	*26th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1492) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to establish a nursing advisory board within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2086* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act creating a nursing advisory board.

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. The General Court hereby finds that there exists a nursing shortage in the Commonwealth and that the shortage of qualified nurses will increase in the near future. The General Court further finds that the Commonwealth shall provide a forum for long-range planning and policy development among nursing leaders. This forum will exist to ensure that the Commonwealth meets the nursing and healthcare needs of its citizens.

SECTION 2. Chapter 6A of the General Laws as so appearing in the 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after section 16G the following section:—

Section 16H. A nursing advisory board is hereby established within, but not subject to the control of, the executive office of health and human services. The advisory board shall consist of 8 members who shall have a demonstrated background in nursing or health services research and who shall represent the continuum of health care settings and services, including, but not limited to, long-term institutional care, acute care, community-based care, public health,

15 school care, advanced practice, psychiatric nursing, and higher education in nursing. The
16 members shall be appointed by the governor from a list of 10 individuals recommended by the
17 board of registration in nursing and a list of 10 persons recommended by the Massachusetts
18 Center for Nursing, Inc. The advisory board shall elect a chair from among its members and
19 adopt bylaws for its proceedings. Members shall be appointed for staggered terms of 3 years,
20 except for persons appointed to fill vacancies who shall serve for the balance of the unexpired
21 term. No member shall serve more than 2 consecutive full terms.

22 The advisory board shall:—

23 (a) advise the governor and the general court on matters related to the practice of
24 nursing, including the shortage of nurses across the commonwealth in all settings and services,
25 including advanced practice nursing, long-term institutional care, acute care, community-based
26 care, public health, school care, and higher education in nursing;

27 (b) subject to appropriation, develop a research agenda, apply for federal and private
28 research grants, and commission and fund research projects to fulfill the agenda;

29 (c) recommend policy initiatives to the governor and the general court;

30 (d) prepare an annual report and disseminate the report to the governor, the general
31 court, the secretary of health and human services, the director of labor and workforce
32 development and the commissioner of public health; and

33 (e) consider the use of current government resources, including, but not limited to the
34 workforce training fund.

35 Any funds granted to the advisory board shall be deposited with the state treasurer and
36 may be expended by the advisory board in accordance with the conditions of the grants, without
37 specific appropriation. The advisory board may expend for services and other expenses any
38 amounts that the general court may appropriate therefore. Said advisory board shall conduct at
39 least 1 public hearing during each year.