

HOUSE No. 1705

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler

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 expanding access and safety of mental health services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1705) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to expanding access and safety of mental health services. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to expanding access and safety of mental health services.

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. Section 1 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Likelihood of serious
3 harm” the following definition:-

4 “Mental health counselor”, a person licensed or eligible for licensure under section 165 of
5 chapter 112.

6 SECTION 2. Section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
7 inserting after the figure “112”, in line 7, the following words:- , or a mental health counselor
8 licensed pursuant to section 165 of chapter 112.

9 SECTION 3. Said section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further
10 amended by inserting after the word “specialist”, in line 16 and in line 21, in each instance, the
11 following words:- , or licensed mental health counselor.

12 SECTION 4. Section 22 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
13 inserting after the word “specialists”, in line 2, the following words:- , licensed mental health
14 counselors.

15 SECTION 5. Said section 22 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further
16 amended by inserting after the word “specialist”, in line 7, the following words:- , licensed
17 mental health counselor.