

HOUSE No. 1061

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>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>

<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</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. 1061) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to expanding access to and safety of mental health services. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1787 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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.

18 SECTION 6. Section 35 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
19 inserting after the words “physician”, in line 10, the following words:- , licensed independent
20 clinical social worker or licensed mental health counselor.