

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1190**

**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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Aaron Michlewitz</i>	<i>3rd Suffolk</i>

<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th 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>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Adrian Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1190**

By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1190) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to prohibit state licensed mental health professionals from subjecting minors to conversion therapy practices to change sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors.

*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. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official  
2 addition, is hereby amended by adding following new section:-

3 Section 266. (a) Definitions.

4 For the purposes of this section, “licensed professional” means any licensed medical,  
5 mental health, or human service professional licensed under Chapter 112, including any  
6 psychologist, psychiatrist, social worker, psychiatric nurse, allied mental health and human  
7 services professional, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed rehabilitation counselor,  
8 licensed mental health counselor, licensed educational psychologist, or any of their respective  
9 interns or trainees, or any other person designated or licensed as a mental health or human  
10 service professional under Massachusetts law or regulation.

11           The term “sexual orientation” shall mean having an orientation for or being identified as  
12 having an orientation for heterosexuality, bisexuality, or homosexuality.

13           The term "Gender identity" shall mean a person's gender-related identity, appearance or  
14 behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from  
15 that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth. Gender-related  
16 identity may be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care  
17 or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related  
18 identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held as part of a  
19 person's core identity; provided, however, that gender-related identity shall not be asserted for  
20 any improper purpose.

21           “Sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts” means any practice by a licensed  
22 professional that attempts or purports to impose change of an individual’s sexual orientation or  
23 gender identity, including but not limited to efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions, or  
24 to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same  
25 sex. The term “sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts” does not include practices:

26           (A)(1) to provide acceptance, support, and understanding of an individual’s sexual  
27 orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; (2) facilitate an individual’s coping, social  
28 support, and identity exploration and development; or (3) that are sexual orientation-neutral or  
29 gender identity-neutral including interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe  
30 sexual practices; and

31           (B) Do not attempt or purport to impose change of an individual’s sexual orientation or  
32 gender identity.

33 (b) Under no circumstances shall a licensed professional advertise for or engage in sexual  
34 orientation and gender identity change efforts with a patient less than 18 years of age. Any  
35 licensed professional violating this prohibition shall be such subject to discipline by the  
36 appropriate licensing board, which may include suspension or revocation of license.

37 (c) Whoever violates this section shall be considered to have violated section 2 of chapter  
38 93A. Any such claim brought under this section shall be subject to sections 5A and 7 of chapter  
39 260.

40 SECTION 2. (a) Subsection (a) of Section 51A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as  
41 appearing in the 2010 Official addition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “chapter  
42 233” the following words:-

43 or (vi) being subjected to sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts as defined  
44 by section 169 of chapter 112

45 (b) Section 51A of chapter 119 is further amended in subsection (i) after the word  
46 “family.” by adding the following words:-

47 Any report including licensed professionals engaging in sexual orientation and gender  
48 identity change efforts as defined under section 169 of chapter 112 shall be filed within 30 days  
49 to the appropriate licensing board for review and possible suspension or revocation of license.