

HOUSE No. 01477

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul J. Donato

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 bill:

An Act to streamline health care services by allowing nurse practitioners to verify medical papers and records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Susan C. Fargo</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>William "Smitty" Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Stephen Stat Smith</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1477) of Paul J. Donato and others for legislation to permit nurse practitioners to endorse certain documents requiring the signature of a physician. Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to streamline health care services by allowing nurse practitioners to verify medical papers and records.

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 2008 official edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by adding after Section 80H, the following new Section:-
- 3 Section 80I. Global signature authority of a nurse practitioner.
- 4 When a provision of law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification,
- 5 affidavit or endorsement by a physician, that requirement may be fulfilled by a nurse practitioner
- 6 practicing under section 80B of chapter 112. This section may not be construed to expand the
- 7 scope of practice of a nurse practitioner.