

HOUSE No. 161

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradford R. Hill

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 training for certain medical professional about eating disorders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bradford R. Hill

4th Essex

Bruce E. Tarr

First Essex and Middlesex

HOUSE No. 161

By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 161) of Bradford R. Hill and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to require physicians and physicians assistants to certify being trained in eating disorders when applying to renew their licenses. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 201 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to training for certain medical professional about eating disorders.

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 9 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following subsection:-

3 4. Every physician practicing in the Commonwealth shall, on or before July 1, 2014
4 complete a 1 hour online course approved by the department regarding the early recognition of
5 eating disorders, in consultation with the department of health and human services. Each
6 physician shall attest to the department at the time of registration, commencing with the first
7 registration after July 1, 2014, that the professional has completed the training in accordance
8 with this section.

9 Pursuant to this section, the 1 hour online course shall consist of, but not be limited to,
10 information regarding physical, emotional and behavioral indicators of eating disorders. The
11 department shall provide an exemption from this requirement to anyone who requests such an
12 exemption and who clearly demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that there would be
13 no need for him or her to complete the training because the nature of his or her practice.

14 A hospital or facility shall not grant or renew professional privileges or association to a
15 physician who has not completed the training.

16 SECTION 2. Section 9I of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
17 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the third paragraph, the following 3
18 paragraphs:-

19 Every physician's assistant practicing in the Commonwealth shall, on or before July 1,
20 2014 complete a 1 hour online course approved by the department regarding the early
21 recognition of eating disorders, in consultation with the department of health and human
22 services. Each physician's assistant shall attest to the department at the time of registration,
23 commencing with the first registration after July 1, 2014, that the professional has completed the
24 training in accordance with this section.

25 Pursuant to this section, the 1 hour online course shall consist of, but not limited to,
26 information regarding physical, emotional and behavioral indicators of eating disorders. The
27 department shall provide an exemption from this requirement to anyone who requests such an
28 exemption and who clearly demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that there would be
29 no need for him or her to complete the training because the nature of his or her practice.

30 A hospital or facility shall not grant or renew professional privileges or association to a
31 physician's assistant who has not completed the training.