

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1731**

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**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 providing signature authority for psychiatric nurse mental health clinical nurse specialists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1731) of Kay Khan and others relative to providing signature authority for psychiatric nurse mental health clinical nurse specialists. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act providing signature authority for psychiatric nurse mental health clinical nurse specialists.

*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. Said chapter 112 is hereby further amended by striking out section 80I as so  
2 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

3           Section 80I. When a law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification,  
4 affidavit or endorsement by a physician, when relating to physical or mental health, that  
5 requirement may be fulfilled by a nurse practitioner or psychiatric nurse mental health clinical  
6 specialist practicing under section 80 B.