

HOUSE No. 1811

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 addictions training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Elizabeth A. Malia

Denise C. Garlick

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Suffolk

13th Norfolk

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1811) of Elizabeth A. Malia and Denise C. Garlick for the establishment of an addiction residency training grant program. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to addictions training.

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 XX of Chapter 17 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end
2 thereof the following new section:-

3 Addiction Residency Training Program

4 Section 1. Said Department shall establish an Addiction Residency Training grant, this
5 interdisciplinary graduate physician training program funded through DPH shall provide 1 year
6 graduate medical education for physicians who have completed a core residency in general
7 psychiatry, internal medicine, family medicine or an equivalent primary specialty that will meet
8 the board certification requirements of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology for
9 Addiction Psychiatry or the American Board of Addiction Medicine for Addiction Medicine.

10 Said grant shall mandate integrated and interdisciplinary training and education, to prepare
11 graduates for practice in an integrated care setting, such as a medical home, ACO, FQMH, DMH
12 or DPH facility. Provided further said grant shall mandate training in:(a) Drug Courts and

13 other diversion programs within the criminal justice system; (b) Community-based rotations in
14 underserved areas of the state, for each trainee, including experience working with DPH funded
15 Nurse Care Managers. (c) require rotations in public sector setting such as DPH, DMH, and
16 Department of Veterans Affairs

17 This grant will allow for two physician trainees per year.

18 Section 2. Department of Public Health Program graduates who elect to practice in
19 Western Mass, or other designated underserved areas of the Commonwealth will be eligible to
20 participate in a loan-forgiveness program that will reimburse them for expenses incurred for
21 medical school education. Funds will be reimbursed at the rate of \$ 15,000 1st year; \$20,000
22 2nd year and \$40,000 third year spent working in underserved areas.