

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1997**

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 to protect sports medicine professionals.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                       | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:              |
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| <i>Kay Khan</i>             | <i>11th Middlesex</i>          |
| <i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i> | <i>Worcester and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>        | <i>2nd Hampden</i>             |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>   | <i>25th Middlesex</i>          |
| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i>     | <i>16th Essex</i>              |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i>         | <i>9th Norfolk</i>             |
| <i>Leonard Mirra</i>        | <i>2nd Essex</i>               |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>     | <i>Second Worcester</i>        |
| <i>Michael F. Rush</i>      | <i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>     |
| <i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>    | <i>14th Suffolk</i>            |

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1997) of Kay Khan and others relative to sports medicine professionals. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act to protect sports medicine professionals.

*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 7 of M.G.L. Chapter 112 is hereby amended by striking out the  
2 following: “to a physician authorized to practice medicine in another state or country, when he is  
3 providing medical services only to athletes or team personnel attending a sporting event  
4 sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee or a World Cup Organizing Committee.”

5           Section 2. Section 7 is hereby further amended by adding the following new section:

6           Section 7A.

7           (a) Definitions. As used in this section,

8           “Athlete” is defined as an individual competing in a sporting event sponsored or  
9 sanctioned by a national governing body; or for whom an institution of higher education provides  
10 a covered sports medicine professional.

11 “Athletic team” is defined as a sports team composed of individuals who are paid to  
12 participate on the team; composed of individuals who are competing in a sporting event  
13 sponsored or sanctioned by a national governing body; or for which an institution of higher  
14 education provides a covered sports medicine professional.

15 “Covered medical services” are defined as general medical care, emergency medical care,  
16 or athletic training services. Such term does not include care provided by a covered sports  
17 medicine professional at a health care facility or while a health care provider legally authorized  
18 to practice in Massachusetts is transporting the injured individual to a health care facility.

19 “Covered sports medicine professional” is defined as a physician or athletic trainer who  
20 is legally authorized to practice in another state; provides covered medical services, pursuant to  
21 a written agreement with an athletic team, national governing body, or institution of higher  
22 education, to an individual who is a member or staff of the athletic team, and prior to providing  
23 the covered medical services has disclosed the nature and extent of such services to the entity  
24 that provides the physician or athletic trainer with medical professional liability insurance .

25 “Health care facility” is defined as a facility in which medical care, diagnosis, or  
26 treatment is provided on an inpatient or outpatient basis. Such term does not include facilities at  
27 an arena or stadium or temporary facilities existing for events where athletic teams are  
28 competing.

29 (b) If a sports medicine professional provides covered medical services to an athlete, an  
30 athletic team, or a staff member of an athletic team in Massachusetts, such services shall be  
31 deemed to have been provided in the State where the sports medicine professional is licensed to

32 practice, for the following purposes: Determining the medical professional liability insurance of  
33 that professional; and determining the civil and criminal malpractice liability of that professional.