

HOUSE No. 2400

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 addiction training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2400) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others for the establishment of an addiction residency training grant program for certain graduate physician trainees. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1811 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to addiction 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, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:-

3 Addiction Residency Training Program

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

10 Addiction Medicine. Said grant shall mandate integrated and interdisciplinary training and
11 education, to prepare graduates for practice in an integrated care setting, such as a medical home,
12 accountable care organization, federally qualified health centers, department of mental health or
13 department of public health facility. Provided further, said grant shall mandate training in: (a)
14 Drug Courts and other diversion programs within the criminal justice system; (b) Community-
15 based rotations in underserved areas of the state, for each trainee, including experience working
16 with the department's funded Nurse Care Managers; (c) Require rotations in public sector setting
17 such as the department of public health, the department of mental health, and department of
18 veterans affairs.

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

20 Section 2: Addiction Residency Training Program graduates who elect to practice in
21 Western Mass, or other designated underserved areas of the Commonwealth will be eligible to
22 participate in a loan-forgiveness program that will reimburse them for expenses incurred for
23 medical school education. Funds will be reimbursed at the rate of \$ 15,000 for the first year;
24 \$20,000 for the second year and \$40,000 for the third year spent working in underserved areas.