

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3613**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Edward F. Coppinger*

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*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 improve health care workforce development through graduate nursing practice.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

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By Representative Coppinger of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3613) of Edward F. Coppinger for legislation to improve health care workforce development through graduate nursing practice. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act to improve health care workforce development through graduate nursing practice.

*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 80 of chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by

2 adding after the words “five hundred dollars;” the following:-

3           “provided, however, that a student who graduated from a registered nursing program

4 approved by the board of registration in nursing established under section 13 of chapter 13 of the

5 General Laws or who is a senior nursing student attending the last semester of a registered

6 nursing program approved by the board may practice nursing, provided, however, that: (i) the

7 individual is employed by or providing health care services at the direction of a licensed health

8 care facility or a licensed health care provider; (ii) the individual is directly supervised while

9 providing health care services; and (iii) the employing licensed health care facility or licensed

10 health care provider has verified that the individual is a graduate of a registered nursing program

11 approved by the board or that the individual is a senior nursing student attending the last

12 semester of a registered nursing program approved by the board;”

13 SECTION 2. Section 80A of chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
14 adding after the words “five hundred dollars;” the following:-

15 “provided, however, a student who graduated from a practical nursing program approved  
16 by the board of registration in nursing established under section 13 of chapter 13 of the General  
17 Laws or who is a senior nursing student attending the last semester of a practical nursing  
18 program approved by the board may practice nursing, provided, however, that: (i) the individual  
19 is employed by or providing health care services at the direction of a licensed health care facility  
20 or a licensed health care provider; (ii) the individual is directly supervised while providing health  
21 care services; and (iii) the employing licensed health care facility or licensed health care provider  
22 has verified that the individual is a graduate of a practical nursing program approved by the  
23 board or that the individual is a senior nursing student attending the last semester of a practical  
24 nursing program approved by the board.”

25 SECTION 3. Section 80B of chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
26 adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-

27 “A student who graduated from a registered nursing or practical nursing program  
28 approved by the board of registration in nursing established under section 13 of chapter 13 of the  
29 General Laws or who is a senior nursing student attending the last semester of a registered  
30 nursing or practical nursing program approved by the board may practice nursing; provided,  
31 however, that: (i) the individual is employed by or providing health care services at the direction  
32 of a licensed health care facility or a licensed health care provider; (ii) the individual is directly  
33 supervised while providing health care services; and (iii) the employing licensed health care  
34 facility or licensed health care provider has verified that the individual is a graduate of a

35 registered nursing or practical nursing program approved by the board or that the individual is a  
36 senior nursing student attending the last semester of a registered nursing or practical nursing  
37 program approved by the board.”