

HOUSE No. 514

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 relative to group care facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>

José F. Tosado

9th Hampden

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 514) of Kay Khan and others relative to licensing group care facilities under the control of the Department of Early Education and Care that serve students with special needs. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 286 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to group care facilities.

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 1A of chapter 15D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the definition of “Group care facility” by adding after the
3 first sentence the following sentence:-

4 Private residential special education schools that provide regular residential care shall be
5 considered group care facilities only if the schools provide special education services that are
6 intended to lead to a high school degree or its equivalency, excluding independent living
7 programs, to children with special needs under the age of 22.