SENATE . . . . No. 00473

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to improve access to alcohol and other drug clinical services..

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*
Kenneth J. Donnelly	*Fourth Middlesex*
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*

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By Mr. Tolman, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 473) of O'Day, Donnelly and Tolman for legislation to improve access to alcohol and other drug clinical services [Joint Committee on Financial Services].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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An Act to improve access to alcohol and other drug clinical services..

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 22 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by

2 striking out the last paragraph, inserted by section 1 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and

3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

4   For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a

5 licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a

6 licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse

7 mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.

8   SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by

9   striking out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 2 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and

10 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

11   For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a

12 licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a

13 licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse

14 mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.

15   SECTION 3. Section 8A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by

16 striking out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 4 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and

17 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

18   For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a

19 licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a

20 licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse

21 mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.

22   SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by

23 striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 6 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000,

24 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

25   For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a

26 licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a

27 licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse

28 mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.

29   SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by

30 striking out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 10 of chapter 80 to the acts of 2000,

31 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

32   For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a

33 licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a

34 licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse

35 mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.