

**SENATE . . . . . No. 565**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Harriette L. Chandler*

*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 physician assistants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Harriette L. Chandler*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Worcester*

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 565) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to physician assistants. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to physician assistants.

*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 2 of Chapter 176S of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “commission” in line 1, the following  
3 words – “in addition to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services”.

4 Section 2 of Chapter 176S of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official  
5 Edition, is further amended by inserting after the word “carriers” in line 2, the following words –  
6 “including the medical assistance program administered by the office of Medicaid pursuant to  
7 Chapter 118E and in accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act or any successor  
8 statute.

9 Section 8 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official  
10 Edition, is amended by adding the following paragraph to subsection e1/2 –

11 “A participating provider physician assistant practicing within the scope of such  
12 physician assistant’s license, including all regulations requiring collaboration with or supervision

- 13 by a physician under section 9E of Chapter 112, shall be considered qualified within this
- 14 Chapter's definition of primary care provider to an insured.”