

**SENATE . . . . . No. 605**

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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. 605) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to physician assistants. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 565 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 2014 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 so appearing, is further amended by  
5 inserting after the word “carriers” in line 2, the following words –“including the medical  
6 assistance program administered by the office of Medicaid pursuant to Chapter 118E and in  
7 accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act or any successor statute.

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

10           “A participating provider physician assistant practicing within the scope of such  
11 physician’s license, including all regulations requiring collaboration with or supervision by a  
12 physician under section 9E of Chapter 112, shall be considered qualified within this Chapter’s  
13 definition of primary care provider to an insured.”