

SENATE No. 633

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 promoting workforce development and provider retention at community health centers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>John F. Keenan</i> | <i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i> | |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Kevin G. Honan</i> | <i>17th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i> | <i>First Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Carlos Gonzalez</i> | <i>10th Hampden</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 633) of John F. Keenan, Walter F. Timilty, Barbara A. L'Italien, Kevin G. Honan and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote workforce development and provider retention at community health centers. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act promoting workforce development and provider retention at community health centers.

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. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3 Section 78. The division shall establish a community health center nurse practitioner
4 residency program for the purposes of establishing training programs for newly certified nurse
5 practitioners who elect to practice in a community health center setting, and promoting access to
6 primary care through community health centers.

7 Community health center nurse practitioner residency programs shall:

8 (i) Provide a 12 month post-graduate residency program, administered by community
9 health centers as defined under section 8A of this chapter, for certified nurse practitioners who
10 have graduated from an accredited nursing school within the past three years;

11 (ii) Provide certified nurse practitioner residents with patient panels under the
12 supervision and mentorship of a physician or advance practice nurse at a community health
13 center, and;

14 (iii) Encourage certified nurse practitioners to continue careers in primary care or family
15 medicine fields at community health centers.

16 Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to conflict with, replace, or supersede any
17 licensure requirements or standards for the advanced nursing practice established pursuant to
18 chapters 94C or 112.

19 SECTION 2. The division may make expenditures towards this program through the
20 “investments in primary care residency training” category as described in the MassHealth 1115
21 Demonstration proposal filed in June 2015 and further, shall seek federal Medicaid
22 reimbursement for this program as graduate medical education.

23 SECTION 3. The division shall promulgate regulations to implement said program,
24 including program details and grant guidelines as necessary, no later than six months after the
25 passage of this act.