

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00988**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Richard T. Moore***

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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 child and adolescent mental health services.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Richard T. Moore*

*Kay Khan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Norfolk*

*11th Middlesex*

# SENATE . . . . . No. 00988

By Mr. Moore, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 988) of Khan and Moore for legislation to improve access to child and adolescent mental health services [Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 2223 OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to improve access to child and adolescent mental health 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 licensed  
5 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed  
6 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental  
7 health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist.

8           SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
9 striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 2 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000,  
10 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

11 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a licensed  
12 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed  
13 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental  
14 health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist.

15           SECTION 3. Section A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
16 striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 4 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000,  
17 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

18 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a licensed  
19 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed  
20 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental  
21 health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist.

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 licensed  
26 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed  
27 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental  
28 health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist.

29           SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
30 striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 10 of chapter 80 to the acts of  
31 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

32 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a licensed  
33 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed  
34 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental  
35 health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist.

36           SECTION 6. This act shall apply to all policies, contracts, agreements, plans and  
37 certificates of insurance issued or delivered within or without the commonwealth on or after  
38 March 1, 2010, and to all policies, contracts, agreements, plans and certificates of insurance in  
39 effect before that date upon renewal or after March 1, 2012.