

HOUSE No. 1118

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Martin J. Walsh and others relative to the definition of licensed mental health professional in the law regulating access to alcohol and other drug clinical services. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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
2 hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph, inserted by
3 section 1 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph:—

5 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health profes-
6 sional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the
7 practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed indepen-
8 dent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a
9 licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol
10 and drug counselor I.

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

5 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health profes-
6 sional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the

7 practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed indepen-
8 dent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a
9 licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol
10 and drug counselor I.

1 SECTION 3. Section 8A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the next to last paragraph, inserted
3 by section 4 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph:—

5 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health profes-
6 sional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the
7 practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed indepen-
8 dent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a
9 licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol
10 and drug counselor I.

1 SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph,
3 inserted by section 6 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following paragraph:—

5 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health profes-
6 sional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the prac-
7 tice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent
8 clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed
9 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol and drug
10 counselor I.

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

5 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health profes-
6 sional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the
7 practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed indepen-
8 dent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a
9 licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol
10 and drug counselor I.