

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1874

By Mrs. Canavan of Brockton, petition of Christine E. Canavan and others for legislation to further define licensed mental health professional. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

### AN ACT IMPROVING ACCESS TO REHABILITATION COUNSELING.

*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, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking the final paragraph and inserting in place thereof the  
4 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 rehabilitation  
10 counselor.

1 SECTION 2. Section 47b of Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
4 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 rehabil-  
10 itation counselor.

1 SECTION 3. Section 8A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
4 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 rehabilitation  
10 counselor.

1 SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
4 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 rehabilitation  
10 counselor.

1 SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
4 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 rehabilitation  
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