

# SENATE NO. 643

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

4 For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician  
5 who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical  
6 social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or  
7 a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.

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

11 For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician  
12 who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical

13 social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or  
14 a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.

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

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

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

25 For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician  
26 who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical  
27 social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or  
28 a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.

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

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