

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2212**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kay Khan*

*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 creating a nursing advisory board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2023</i>

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By Representative Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2212) of Kay Khan for legislation to establish a nursing advisory board within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2336 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act creating a nursing advisory board.

*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. The General Court hereby finds that there exists a nursing shortage in the  
2 Commonwealth and that the shortage of qualified nurses will increase in the near future. The  
3 General Court further finds that the Commonwealth shall provide a forum for long-range  
4 planning and policy development among nursing leaders. This forum will exist to ensure that the  
5 Commonwealth meets the nursing and healthcare needs of its citizens.

6           SECTION 2. Chapter 6A of the General Laws as so appearing in the 2020 Official  
7 Edition is hereby amended by inserting after section 6A:16CC the following section:—

8           Section 6A:16DD. A nursing advisory board is hereby established within, but not subject  
9 to the control of, the executive office of health and human services. The advisory board shall

10 consist of 8 members who shall have a demonstrated background in nursing or health services  
11 research and who shall represent the continuum of health care settings and services, including,  
12 but not limited to, long-term institutional care, acute care, community-based care, public health,  
13 school care, advanced practice, psychiatric nursing, and higher education in nursing. The  
14 members shall be appointed by the governor from a list of 10 individuals recommended by the  
15 board of registration in nursing and a list of 10 persons recommended by the Massachusetts  
16 Center for Nursing, Inc. The advisory board shall elect a chair from among its members and  
17 adopt bylaws for its proceedings. Members shall be appointed for staggered terms of 3 years,  
18 except for persons appointed to fill vacancies who shall serve for the balance of the unexpired  
19 term. No member shall serve more than 2 consecutive full terms.

20 The advisory board shall:—

21 (a) advise the governor and the general court on matters related to the practice of  
22 nursing, including the shortage of nurses across the commonwealth in all settings and services,  
23 including advanced practice nursing, long-term institutional care, acute care, community-based  
24 care, public health, school care, and higher education in nursing;

25 (b) subject to appropriation, develop a research agenda, apply for federal and private  
26 research grants, and commission and fund research projects to fulfill the agenda;

27 (c) recommend policy initiatives to the governor and the general court;

28 (d) prepare an annual report and disseminate the report to the governor, the general  
29 court, the secretary of health and human services, the director of labor and workforce  
30 development and the commissioner of public health; and

31 (e) consider the use of current government resources, including, but not limited to the  
32 workforce training fund.

33 Any funds granted to the advisory board shall be deposited with the state treasurer and  
34 may be expended by the advisory board in accordance with the conditions of the grants, without  
35 specific appropriation. The advisory board may expend for services and other expenses any  
36 amounts that the general court may appropriate therefore. Said advisory board shall conduct at  
37 least 1 public hearing during each year.