

HOUSE No. 1066

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 providing signature authority for psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1066) of Kay Khan, James M. Cantwell and Leonard Mirra relative to psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act providing signature authority for psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists.

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. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 80I, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in the place thereof the following
3 section:-

4 Section 80I: Required signature, certification, etc. by physician relating to physical or
5 mental health; fulfillment by nurse practitioner or psychiatric nurse mental health clinical
6 specialist.

7 Section 80I. When a law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification,
8 affidavit or endorsement by a physician, when relating to physical or mental health, that
9 requirement may be fulfilled by a nurse practitioner or psychiatric nurse mental health clinical
10 specialist practicing under section 80 B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the
11 scope of practice of nurse practitioners or psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists.
12 This section shall not be construed to preclude the development of mutually agreed upon

- 13 guidelines between the nurse practitioner or psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist
- 14 and supervising physician under section 80E.