

HOUSE No. 01492

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act creating a nursing advisory board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Kay Khan of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01492) of Timothy J. Toomey and others for legislation to establish a nursing advisory board within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Joint Committee on Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 2086 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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 2004 Official Edition is
- 7 hereby amended by inserting after section 16G the following section:—

8 Section 16H. A nursing advisory board is hereby established within, but not subject to the
9 control of, the executive office of health and human services. The advisory board shall consist of
10 8 members who shall have a demonstrated background in nursing or health services research and
11 who shall represent the continuum of health care settings and services, including, but not limited
12 to, long-term institutional care, acute care, community-based care, public health, school care,
13 advanced practice, psychiatric nursing, and higher education in nursing. The members shall be
14 appointed by the governor from a list of 10 individuals recommended by the board of registration
15 in nursing and a list of 10 persons recommended by the Massachusetts Center for Nursing, Inc.
16 The advisory board shall elect a chair from among its members and adopt bylaws for its
17 proceedings. Members shall be appointed for staggered terms of 3 years, except for persons
18 appointed to fill vacancies who shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term. No member
19 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 nursing,
22 including the shortage of nurses across the commonwealth in all settings and services, including
23 advanced practice nursing, long-term institutional care, acute care, community-based care, public
24 health, school care, and higher education in nursing;

25 (b) subject to appropriation, develop a research agenda, apply for federal and private research
26 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 court, the
29 secretary of health and human services, the director of labor and workforce development and the
30 commissioner of public health; and

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

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