

HOUSE No. 1724

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Randy Hunt

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 improving the mental health examination process of inmates at places of detention.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Hunt of Sandwich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1724) of Randy Hunt and others relative to the mental health examination process of inmates at places of detention. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3498 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act improving the mental health examination process of inmates at places of detention.

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 1 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition of “Qualified psychiatric nurse
3 mental health clinical specialist” and inserting the following definition:-

4 “Qualified advanced practice registered nurse”, an advanced practice registered nurse
5 authorized to practice as a psychiatric certified nurse practitioner or a psychiatric clinical nurse
6 specialist under regulations promulgated pursuant to the provisions of sections 80B or 80E of
7 chapter 112, who is designated by and meets qualifications required by the regulations of the
8 department, provided that different qualifications may be established for different purposes of
9 this chapter. A qualified advanced practice registered nurse need not be an employee of the
10 department or of any facility of the department.

11 SECTION 2. Section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
12 striking out the words “qualified psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist”, in lines 2
13 and 3, 16 and 17, 20 and 21, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following
14 words:- "qualified advanced practice registered nurse".

15 SECTION 3. Said section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further
16 amended by adding, in line 4 after the figure “80B”, the following:- or 80E.

17 SECTION 4. Section 18 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
18 striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words:- “, designated by the department as qualified to perform
19 such examination”.