

HOUSE No. 03566

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 improving access to rehabilitation counseling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Ronald Mariano</i>	<i>3rd Norfolk</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad and others for legislation to include licensed rehabilitation counselors in the definition of licensed mental health professionals. Financial Services

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An act improving access to rehabilitation counseling.

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, as appearing in the 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the final paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
3 following paragraph:—

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

8 SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
9 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph in subsection (i) and inserting in
10 place thereof the following paragraph:—

11 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a licensed
12 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed
13 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental
14 health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation counselor.

15 SECTION 3. Section 8A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
16 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph in subsection (i) and inserting in
17 place thereof the following paragraph:—

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

22 SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
23 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph in subsection (i) and inserting in
24 place thereof the following paragraph:—

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

29 SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
30 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph in subsection (i) and
31 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:— For the purposes of this section, “licensed
32 mental health professional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of

33 psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed

34 mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed

35 rehabilitation counselor.