

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 623**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jeffrey Sánchez*

*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 relative to physician assistants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 623) of Jeffrey Sánchez, Harriette L. Chandler and Denise Provost for legislation to direct MassHealth to fully implement consumer choice of physician assistant services. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1024 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to physician assistants.

*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. Subsection e<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of section 8 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as  
2    appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- A  
3    participating provider physician assistant practicing within the scope of such physician  
4    assistant’s license, including all regulations requiring collaboration with or supervision by a  
5    physician under section 9E of Chapter 112, shall be considered qualified within this Chapter’s  
6    definition of primary care provider to an insured.

7           SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 176S of the of the General Laws, as appearing in 2014  
8    Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “commissioner”, in line 1, the  
9    following words:- , the secretary of health and human services.

10           SECTION 3. Said section 2 of said chapter 176S, as so appearing, is hereby further  
11 amended by inserting after the word “carriers”, in line 2, the following words:- including the  
12 medical assistance program administered by the office of Medicaid pursuant to chapter 118E and  
13 in accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act or any successor statute.