

SENATE No. 1108

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 expanding access and safety of mental health services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/21/2017</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1108) of Joan B. Lovely, William N. Brownsberger, Michael D. Brady, Kenneth J. Donnelly and others for legislation relative to expanding access and safety of mental health services. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1787 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 expanding access and safety of mental health services.

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 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Likelihood of serious
3 harm” the following definition:-

4 “Mental health counselor”, a person licensed or eligible for licensure under section 165 of
5 chapter 112.

6 SECTION 2. Section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
7 inserting after the figure “112”, in line 7, the following words:- , or a mental health counselor
8 licensed pursuant to section 165 of chapter 112.

9 SECTION 3. Said section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further
10 amended by inserting after the word “specialist”, in line 16 and in line 21, in each instance, the
11 following words:- , or licensed mental health counselor.

12 SECTION 4. Section 22 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
13 inserting after the word “specialists”, in line 2, the following words:- , licensed mental health
14 counselors.

15 SECTION 5. Said section 22 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further
16 amended by inserting after the word “specialist”, in line 7, the following words:- , licensed
17 mental health counselor.

18 SECTION 6. Section 35 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
19 inserting after the words “physician”, in line 10, the following words:- , licensed independent
20 clinical social worker or licensed mental health counselor.