

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1067**

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**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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to improve access to care by removing barriers to practice for psychiatric clinical nurse specialists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1067) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to improve access to care by removing barriers to practice for psychiatric clinical nurse specialists. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to improve access to care by removing barriers to practice for psychiatric clinical nurse specialists.

*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 (g) of said section 7 of chapter 94C of the general laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the second paragraph by striking  
3 out, in lines 129 and 130, and in lines 138 and 139, the words “and psychiatric nurse mental  
4 health clinical specialists”.

5           SECTION 2. Subsection (g) of said section 7 of chapter 94C of the general laws, as  
6 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the  
7 following paragraph;-

8           The commissioner shall promulgate regulations which provide for the registration of  
9 psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists as defined in section 80 B of chapter 112, to  
10 issue written prescriptions in accordance with regulations pursuant to section 80I of chapter 112.  
11 Prior to promulgating such regulations, the commissioner shall consult with the board of

12 registration in nursing with regard to those schedules of controlled substances for which  
13 psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists may be registered.

14 SECTION 3. Section 80E of Chapter 112 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2014  
15 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2 and in lines 7 and 8, the  
16 words “or psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist”.

17 SECTION 4. Chapter 112 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
18 is hereby amended by adding section 80J: -

19 Section 80J. A nurse authorized to practice as a psychiatric nurse mental health clinical  
20 specialist pursuant to section 80B, may order and interpret tests, therapeutics and prescribe  
21 medications in accordance with regulations promulgated by the board and subject to the  
22 provisions of subsection (g) of section 7 of chapter 94C.