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SENATE . . . . . No. 473

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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:

An Act to improve access to alcohol and other drug clinical services..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	☐ *[District]* ☐
Kenneth J. Donnelly	☐ *[District]* ☐
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*

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By Mr. Tolman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 473) of Steven A. Tolman, Kenneth J. Donnelly and James J. O'Day for legislation to improve access to alcohol and other drug clinical services. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *517* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to improve access to alcohol and other drug clinical services..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 22 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph, inserted by section 1 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.

SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 2 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.

15 SECTION 3. Section 8A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby
16 amended by striking out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 4 of chapter 80 of the acts
17 of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

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

22 SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby
23 amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 6 of chapter 80 of the
24 acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

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

29 SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby
30 amended by striking out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 10 of chapter 80 to the
31 acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

32 For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall
33 mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist,
34 a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed
35 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol and drug counselor I.