

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John H. Rogers

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 to improve access to the services of educational psychologists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John H. Rogers

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

12th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3935 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE SERVICES OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

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 is
2 hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph, inserted by
3 section 1 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph:—

5 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional”
6 shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice
7 of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent
8 clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed
9 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist
10 within the lawful scope of practice for such educational
11 psychologist.
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13 SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws is
14 hereby amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph,
15 inserted by section 2 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and inserting
16 in place thereof the following paragraph:—

17 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional”
18 shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice
19 of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent
20 clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed
21 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist
22 within the lawful scope of practice for such educational
23 psychologist.
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25 SECTION 3. Section A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws is
26 hereby amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph,

27 inserted by section 4 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and inserting
28 in place thereof the following paragraph:—

29 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional”
30 shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice
31 of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent
32 clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed
33 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist
34 within the lawful scope of practice for such educational
35 psychologist.

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

41 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional”
42 shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice
43 of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent
44 clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed
45 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist
46 within the lawful scope of practice for such educational
47 psychologist.

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

53 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional”
54 shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice
55 of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent
56 clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed
57 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist
58 within the lawful scope of practice for such educational
59 psychologist.

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61 SECTION 6. This act shall apply to all policies, contracts, agreements,
62 plans and certificates of insurance issued or delivered within
63 or without the commonwealth on or after March 1, 2006, and to all
64 policies, contracts, agreements, plans and certificates of insurance in
65 effect before that date upon renewal or after March 1, 2006.