

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Tolman, Steven (SEN)**

*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 alcohol and other drug clinical services**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tolman, Steven (SEN)	Second Suffolk and Middlesex
Moore, Richard (SEN)	Worcester and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00642 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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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:*

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

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

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

11 For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed  
12 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed  
13 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental  
14 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 amended by striking  
16 out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 4 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and  
17 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

18 For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed  
19 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed  
20 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental  
21 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 amended by striking  
23 out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 6 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and  
24 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

25 For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed  
26 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed  
27 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental  
28 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 amended by striking  
30 out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 10 of chapter 80 to the acts of 2000, and  
31 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

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