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SENATE No. 722

By Mr. Sisitsky, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 722) of Alan D. Sisitsky and Edwin B. Newman for legislation to extend the privilege not to disclose communications between a patient and a psychotherapist. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE PRIVILEGE NOT TO DISCLOSE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A PATIENT AND A PSYCHOTHERAPIST.

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 20B of Chapter 233 of the General Laws, as added
2 by Chapter 418 of the Acts of 1968, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the definition of "Psychotherapist" and inserting
4 in place thereof the following definition: — "Psychotherapist",
5 a person licensed to practice medicine who devotes a substan-
6 tial portion of his time to the practice of psychiatry or a per-
7 son who is licensed as a psychologist by the Board of Regis-
8 tration of Psychologists.

of the Senate a certain amount of the Senate (the 125) of the Senate and the 125 of the Senate to extend the privilege and to discuss communications between a patient and a physician. The Senate.

The Constitution of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Six

It is hereby enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Session assembled, that

Section 1. The words "physician" and "practice of medicine" in the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall have the same meaning as in the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. The words "physician" and "practice of medicine" in the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall have the same meaning as in the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

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