

SENATE . . . . . No. 794

By Mr. Aylmer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 794) of John F. Aylmer for legislation to further define those individuals who may provide alcoholism treatment to be covered by group health insurance policies, employee health and welfare funds, group hospital service contracts and group medical service contracts. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one.

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY PROVIDE ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT TO BE COVERED BY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES, EMPLOYEES HEALTH AND WELFARE FUNDS, GROUP HOSPITAL SERVICE CONTRACTS AND GROUP MEDICAL SERVICE CONTRACTS.

*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 1 of Chapter 1221 of the Acts of 1973  
2 is hereby amended by deleting the second and third sentences  
3 in subsection (B) and inserting the following sentence:  
4 "Consultant or treatment sessions furnished by a facility in  
5 this clause shall be rendered by a physician or psychotherapist  
6 fully licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred  
7 and twelve, or by a psychologist, fully licensed under the pro-  
8 visions of chapter 1021, or by a registered nurse who is ex-  
9 perience in the treatment of alcoholics or intoxicated per-  
10 sons, or by a social worker trained and experienced in the  
11 treatment of alcoholics or intoxicated persons, or by profes-  
12 sional or para-professional alcoholism counselors.

13 All of the above named individuals must be employed in an  
14 alcoholism treatment facility fully licensed by the Department  
15 of Public Health.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 1221 of the Acts of 1973  
2 is hereby amended by deleting the second and third sentences  
3 in subsection (B) and inserting the following sentence: —

4 “Consultant or treatment sessions furnished by a facility in  
5 this clause shall be rendered by a physician or psychothera-  
6 pist fully licensed under the provisions of chapter one hun-  
7 dred and twelve, or by a psychologist, fully licensed under the  
8 provisions of chapter 1021, or by a registered nurse who is  
9 experienced in the treatment of alcoholics or intoxicated per-  
10 sons, or by a social worker trained and experienced in the  
11 treatment of alcoholics or intoxicated persons, or by profes-  
12 sional or para-professional alcoholism counselors. All of the  
13 above named individuals must be employed in an alcoholism  
14 treatment facility fully licensed by the Department of Public  
15 Health.

1 SECTION 3. Section 3 of Chapter 1221 of the Acts of 1973  
2 is hereby amended by deleting the second and third sentences  
3 in subsection (B) and inserting the following sentence: —  
4 “Consultant or treatment sessions furnished by a facility in  
5 this clause shall be rendered by a physician of psychotherapist  
6 fully licensed under the provisions of chapter 1021, or by a  
7 registered nurse who devote a substantial portion of their  
8 time treating alcoholics or intoxicated persons, or by a social  
9 worker trained and experienced in the treatment of alcoholics  
10 or intoxicated persons, or by professional or para-professional  
11 alcoholism counselors. All of the above named individuals  
12 must be employed in an alcoholism treatment facility fully  
13 licensed by the Department of Public Health.

1 SECTION 4. Section 5 of Chapter 1221 of the Acts of 1973  
2 is hereby amended by deleting the second and third sentences  
3 in subsection (B) and inserting the following sentence: —  
4 “Consultant or treatment session furnished by a facility in  
5 this clause shall be rendered by a physician or psychotherapist  
6 fully licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred  
7 and twelve, or by a psychologist, fully licensed under the pro-  
8 visions of chapter 1021, or by a registered nurse who is expe-  
9 rienced in the treatment of alcoholics or intoxicated persons,  
10 or by a social worker trained and experienced in the treat-  
11 ment of alcoholics or intoxicated persons, or by a professional  
12 or para-professional alcoholism counselors. All of the above

13 named individuals must be employed in an alcoholism treat-  
14 ment facility fully licensed by the Department of Public  
15 Health.

1 SECTION 5. Section 5 of Chapter 1221 of the Acts of 1973  
2 is hereby amended by deleting the second and third sentences  
3 in subsection (B) and inserting the following sentence: —  
4 “Consultant or treatment session furnished by a facility in  
5 this clause shall be rendered by a physician or psychotherapist  
6 fully licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred  
7 and twelve, or by a psychologist, fully licensed under the pro-  
8 visions of chapter 1021 or by a registered nurse who is expe-  
9 rienced in the treatment of alcoholics or intoxicated persons,  
10 or by a social worker trained and experienced in the treat-  
11 ment of alcoholics or intoxicated persons, or by a professional  
12 or para-professional alcoholism counselors. All of the above  
13 named individuals must be employed in an alcoholism treat-  
14 ment facility fully licensed by the Department of Public  
15 Health.

1 SECTION 6. Section 6 of Chapter 1221 of the Acts of 1973  
2 is hereby amended by deleting the second and third sentences  
3 in subsection (B) and inserting the following sentence: —  
4 “Consultant or treatment sessions furnished by a facility in  
5 this clause shall be rendered by a physician or psychotherapist  
6 fully licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred  
7 and twelve, or by a psychologist, fully licensed under the pro-  
8 visions of chapter 1021, or by a registered nurse who is expe-  
9 rienced in the treatment of alcoholics or intoxicated persons,  
10 or by a social worker trained and experienced in the treat-  
11 ment of alcoholics or intoxicated persons, or by professional  
12 or para-professional alcoholism counselors. All of the above  
13 named individuals must be employed in an alcoholism treat-  
14 ment facility fully licensed by the Department of Public  
15 Health.

