

By Ms. Gibson of Belmont, petition of Mary Jane Gibson and other members of the General Court relative to the licensing of psychologists. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF 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 Chapter 112 of the General Laws as most recently amended by  
2 c. 734 of the Acts of 1987 is amended as follows: —

3 Section 123 is amended by adding to subsections (a) after the  
4 words “agencies or facilities;” the following: —

5 “Provided that said employee,

6 1. has a masters degree in psychology from a regionally  
7 accredited institution, or is enrolled in, or has completed, a  
8 Doctoral Program in Psychology which prepares students to  
9 provide health service to the public, and;

10 2. uses the title ‘psychological associate’ or ‘psychological  
11 assistant’, and;

12 3. works under the supervision of a licensed psychologist who  
13 takes professional responsibility for his services.”

14 Section 123 is further amended by eliminating subsection (b).

15 Section 123 is further amended by eliminating, after the words  
16 “by such organizations and persons” the words “supervision of  
17 a licensed psychologist;” and substituting therefor the follow-  
18 ing: —

19 “Provided that said employee,

20 1. has a masters degree in psychology from a regionally  
21 accredited institution, or is enrolled in, or has completed, a  
22 Doctoral Program in Psychology which prepares students to  
23 provide health service to the public, and;

24 2. uses the title ‘psychological associate’ or ‘psychological  
25 assistant’, and;

26 3. works under the supervision of a licensed psychologist who  
27 takes professional responsibility for his services.”

28 The amendments to Sections 123 (a) and (c) will not be deemed  
29 to apply to individuals who are employed in positions which  
30 would have been exempt from the requirements contained therein  
31 prior to the passage of this legislation, providing that said non-  
32 application shall only apply for the length of time that they remain  
33 in those positions.