

HOUSE No. 2085

By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2085) of Kay Khan for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to advanced practice nursing, Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 establishing the Massachusetts commission on advanced practice nursing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kay Khan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING.

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.** There shall be a special commission on advanced practice nursing. For the
2 purposes of this commission, advanced practice nurses shall mean nurse practitioners, nurse
3 midwives, nurse anesthetists and psychiatric clinical nurse specialists. The commission shall
4 make a report and recommendations regarding advanced practice nursing including, but not
5 limited to, the supply and demand for advanced practice nursing services, the barriers to practice,
6 the cost-effectiveness of advanced practice nursing and strategies to further develop the role of
7 advanced practice nurses in improving access to primary care, obstetrical and gynecological care,
8 anesthesia care and mental health services.

9 **SECTION 2.** The commission shall consist of 18 members as follows: 3 members of the house
10 of representatives, 1 of whom shall be designated as co-chair and 1 of whom shall be appointed
11 by the minority leader; 3 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be designated as co-chair and 1
12 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; the secretary of health and human services or
13 his designee; the commissioner of public health or his designee; the director of Medicaid or his
14 designee; the chairperson of the board of registration in nursing or his designee; and 8 persons to
15 be appointed by the co-chairs, 1 each from a list of nominees to be submitted by each of the
16 following organizations: the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Nurse
17 Midwives, the Massachusetts Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the Massachusetts Coalition of
18 Nurse Practitioners, Nurses United for Responsible Services, the Massachusetts Organization of
19 Nurse Executives, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, the Massachusetts Association of
20 Registered Nurses and the Massachusetts Center for Nursing.

21 **SECTION 3.** The commission may recommend legislation or regulatory changes and shall file
22 its report and recommendations with the governor and the chairs of the joint committee on public
23 health, the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on
24 ways and means within 5 months after the effective date of this act.