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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Linda Dorcena Forry

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to increase mental health facilities for women in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Linda Dorcena Forry	*12th Suffolk*
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Michael F. Rush	*Norfolk and Suffolk*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*
Angelo M. Scaccia	*14th Suffolk*
Carlos Henriquez	*5th Suffolk*
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*
John F. Keenan	*Norfolk and Plymouth*
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*

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By Ms. Forry of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1787) of Linda Dorcena Forry and others for legislation to increase access to mental health facilities for women in the Commonwealth. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to increase mental health facilities for women in the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 11B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "seven", in line 26, the words:- (6) the department will ensure that secure beds for persons committed under Section 35 are available in applicable licensed facilities.

SECTION 2. Section 6 of chapter 11B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "programs", in line 17, the words:- (5) the ratio between secure beds for patients committed under Section 35 and voluntary commitment beds. (6) the number of facilities exclusively for women.

SECTION 3. Section 6B of chapter 11B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "program;", in line 14, the words:- (3) the ability of the treatment program to receive individuals under Section 35 commitments; (4) the ability of the program to treat women;

SECTION 4. Section 6B of chapter 11B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in place of the number "(3)", in line 20, and the number:- (5)