

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1463**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jay D. Livingstone***

*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 expanding eligibility for diversion to treatment for criminal offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>

*Ellen Story*  
*Chris Walsh*

*3rd Hampshire*  
*6th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1463) of Jay D. Livingstone and others relative to expanding eligibility for diversion to treatment for criminal offenders. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act expanding eligibility for diversion to treatment for criminal offenders.

*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 2 of chapter 276A of the General Laws, as amended by section 32 of chapter 84  
2 of the acts of 2013, is hereby amended by striking out the following words:-

3           and who has reached the age of 18 years but has not reached the age of twenty-two, and  
4 who has not previously been convicted of a violation of any law of the commonwealth or of any  
5 other state or of the United States in any criminal court proceeding after having reached the age  
6 of 18 years, except for traffic violations for which no term of imprisonment may have been  
7 imposed, who does not have any outstanding warrants, continuances, appeals or criminal cases  
8 pending before any courts of the commonwealth or any other state or of the United States,