

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3348**

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**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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to conducting a study on sexual offender recidivism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2019</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3348) of Kay Khan and others relative to conducting a study on sexual offender recidivism. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to conducting a study on sexual offender recidivism.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary or any  
2           regulation, a study of the rates of sexual recidivism of Level 1, 2 and 3 offenders shall be  
3           conducted by an independent organization that shall be selected by the Legislative Joint  
4           Committee on Public Safety and Security to help determine whether the current  
5           classification  
6           system is accurately classifying offenders. The study shall provide general information  
7           on the  
8           sexual recidivism rates of classified sex offenders and shall include the type of sexual  
9           recidivism  
10          to determine the degree of dangerousness, which is part of the classification level.

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12                   The study shall examine five years sexual recidivism rates beginning with offenders  
13                   classified in 2005. Recidivism rates shall be measured by tabulating new sex offense  
14 charges by  
15                   reviewing new CORI sex offense convictions. In addition to recidivism rates by  
16 classification  
17                   level, the study should include a) the age of the sex offenders who have recidivated to  
18 determine  
19                   whether sex offenders in the Commonwealth follow the national trend of lower  
20 recidivism rates  
21                   after age 40; b) recidivism rates of juveniles as compared to adults; c) recidivism rates of  
22 females  
23                   as compared to adults; and incidence of noncontact offenders who recidivate by  
24 committing a  
25                   contact sex offense.

26                   A report on the results of the study shall be filed with the clerks of the Senate and  
27 House  
28                   of Representatives on or before June 30, 2020.