

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1420**

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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 Bridgewater State Hospital.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1420) of Kay Khan, Christine E. Canavan and Denise Provost relative to medical services at the Bridgewater State Hospital. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1936 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to Bridgewater State Hospital.

*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. Section 18 of Chapter 125 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following paragraph:—

3 The medical director shall ensure that Bridgewater State Hospital provides services in  
4 compliance with all applicable federal and state standards, statutes, and regulations. The medical  
5 director shall seek, and make every effort to obtain and retain, accreditation by the National  
6 Commission on Correctional Health Care and hospital level accreditation by the Joint  
7 Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.