The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ann-Margaret Ferrante

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 persons seeking drug addiction treatment.

PETITION OF:

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

Section 34A of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph:-

(b½) A person who, in good faith, enters a police station and seeks assistance or treatment for a person present at such police station suffering from a drug-related addiction, or a person who, in good faith, enters a police station and seeks assistance or treatment for a drug-related addiction, or is the subject of a good faith request for such assistance or treatment, shall not be charged or prosecuted for possession of a controlled substance under sections 34 or 35, or possession of drug paraphernalia under section 32I, if the evidence for such charge of possession was gained as a result of the seeking of assistance or treatment.