

SENATE No. 1033

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert L. Hedlund

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a commission to investigate state licensed addiction treatment centers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1033) of Robert L. Hedlund, Bruce E. Tarr, Richard J. Ross, Viriato M. deMacedo and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a commission to investigate state licensed addiction treatment centers. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

Resolve establishing a commission to investigate state licensed addiction treatment centers.

1 **Resolved**, That a special commission is hereby established to make an investigation and
2 study relative to state licensed addiction treatment centers.

3 The commission shall consist of the co-chairpersons of the joint committee on mental
4 health and substance abuse, who shall serve as co-chairpersons of the commission; the secretary
5 of health and human services or a designee; the commissioner of mental health or a designee; the
6 commissioner of public health or a designee; the director of medicaid or a designee; the
7 Massachusetts Inspector General or a designee; and 5 advocates from the addiction treatment
8 community with at least 3 of whom shall be a family members of individuals who have been
9 treated at a state licensed addition treatment center

10 The commission shall: (1) solicit information and input from addiction treatment service
11 providers, consumers, families and any other parties or entities the commission deems
12 appropriate; (2) examine the effectiveness of addiction treatment services in promoting
13 successful outcomes of recovery and wellness, (3) examine how to effectively involve peers in

14 policy development, service delivery, training and evaluation of services, (4) examine exemplary
15 models of delivery, and use of recovery oriented services in other states; (5) Investigate negative
16 outcomes of early release from sectioned treatment; (6) Gather data about death by suicide or
17 overdose following release, early or otherwise, from addiction treatment center; (7) examine
18 mental health considerations when an individual enters addiction treatment center, including, but
19 not limited to, how often patients get to meet with psychiatrist, how much communication, if
20 any, treatment center has with patients primary care and other doctors that patient sees; (8)
21 Investigate specific instances of early release from addiction treatment center where patient later
22 commits bodily harm to themselves or others; (9) evaluate conditions of state licensed treatment
23 centers and their ability to obtain not for profit status; and (10) recommend legislation to address
24 ways to improve services for people in a state licensed addiction treatment center.

25 The commission shall submit a report to the general court of the results of its
26 investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation
27 necessary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the senate,
28 the clerk of the house of representatives, the joint committee on mental health and substance
29 abuse, and the senate and house committees on ways and means not later than one year from
30 enactment of this bill.