

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1073**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Mathew Muratore*

*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 establishing court ordered mental health assisted outpatient treatment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>

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By Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1073) of Mathew Muratore and others relative to establishing court ordered mental health assisted outpatient treatment. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act establishing court ordered mental health assisted outpatient treatment.

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

1 Chapter 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 36C, as  
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, the following section:-

3 Section 36D. The department, in collaboration with the department of public health, shall  
4 establish a comprehensive program of assisted outpatient treatment to increase the availability of  
5 mental health and other services that enhance community participation and improve the  
6 engagement, quality of life, and satisfaction level of at risk service recipients. The department  
7 shall: (i) create specific criteria to identify at-risk individuals and assess the necessity of court-  
8 ordered outpatient treatment and (ii) where necessary, develop a plan and seek a court ordered  
9 mandatory outpatient treatment plan for at-risk individuals, including case management and  
10 other services the department deems necessary.