

HOUSE No. 2323

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 specialty courts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2323) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to specialty courts. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to specialty courts.

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

1 The administrative office of the trial court shall establish a statewide universal system for
2 referral processes to specialty courts, including a referral form that probation officers and other
3 relevant parties shall use to evaluate an individual’s eligibility for the program. The universal
4 referral form shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

5 A. Court Information;

6 B. Eligible Offenses;

7 C. Criminal History;

8 D. Demographics, including age, race or ethnicity, sex or gender identity;

9 E. Medical History, including any prior mental health or substance use disorder
10 diagnoses, mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment and, if applicable, type of
11 substances abused;

- 12 F. Government Benefits;
- 13 G. Insurance;
- 14 H. Employment and Educational History; and
- 15 I. Services Needed