

HOUSE No. 2410

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo M. Scaccia

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 commitment hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2410) of Angelo M. Scaccia relative to commitment hearing venues. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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

An Act relative to commitment hearings.

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 5 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 18 by striking out the last sentence of said section and
3 inserting in place thereof the following new sentence: -

4 All hearings for commitments pursuant to this chapter shall be held at the courthouse,
5 unless a petitioner files a motion requesting that such hearing be held at the facility or said
6 hospital and shows good cause for such request.