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HOUSE . . . . . No. 720

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balser

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 to preserve access to inpatient mental health services for individuals with mental illness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*	*1/19/2017*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*1/19/2017*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*1/19/2017*
Kenneth I. Gordon	*21st Middlesex*	*1/19/2017*
Anne M. Gobi	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*	*1/19/2017*

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By Ms. Balser of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 720) of Ruth B. Balser and others relative to the psychiatric evaluation and treatment of certain mentally ill persons alleged to have committed assault or assault and battery. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1168* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to preserve access to inpatient mental health services for individuals with mental illness.

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

Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end of Section 13I:

If the person alleged to have committed an assault or assault and battery was at the time of the alleged incident: 1) transported or held subject to Mass. Gen. L. ch. 123, § 12, §§ 10 & 11 or §§ 7 & 8; or 2) determined by mental health providers to need psychiatric evaluation or treatment, that person will not be charged under the provisions of this section but will be provided with mental health evaluation and treatment in accordance with Chapter 123.