

SENATE No. 815

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia Stone Creem

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 expanding eligibility for diversion to treatment for criminal offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 815) of Cynthia S. Creem and Denise Provost for legislation to expand eligibility for diversion to treatment for criminal offenders. The Judiciary.

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

An Act expanding eligibility for diversion to treatment for criminal offenders.

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 2 of chapter 276A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6 through 14, the following words:-

3 “and who has reached the age of 18 years but has not reached the age of twenty-two, who
4 has not previously been convicted of a violation of any law of the commonwealth or of any other
5 state or of the United States in any criminal court proceeding after having reached the age of 18
6 years, except for traffic violations for which no term of imprisonment may have been imposed,
7 who does not have any outstanding warrants, continuances, appeals or criminal cases pending
8 before any courts of the commonwealth or any other state or of the United States,”