

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1719**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia A. Haddad***

*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 creating intensive stabilization and treatment units within the Department of Mental Health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>1/7/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1719) of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to creating intensive stabilization and treatment units within the Department of Mental Health. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1065 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to creating intensive stabilization and treatment units within the Department of Mental Health.

*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: Chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section at the end thereof: -

3 Section 25. There shall be, within the department of mental health, at least two intensive  
4 stabilization and treatment units for patients who exhibit persistently aggressive or self-  
5 destructive behavior or exhibit atypically, intensively violent behavior that requires specialized  
6 care. One unit shall be designated for men and one unit shall be designated for women. Said  
7 units shall be located at a specific and central location and be secured and physically separate  
8 from other units. These units shall provide comprehensive evaluation, stabilization and  
9 psychiatric treatment which shall include, but not be limited to: violence assessments, behavioral

10 management consultation, interpersonal conflict resolution strategies, critical incident de-  
11 briefings and transfer evaluations. These units shall include appropriate staffing levels to address  
12 the needs of the patient population with an interdisciplinary staff, including but not limited to  
13 registered nurses, clinical social workers, mental health workers, psychiatrists, clinical  
14 psychologists and rehabilitation specialists, who have undergone specialized training to work  
15 effectively with this patient population. Upon behavior stabilization, the staff on the unit shall  
16 develop a plan for the safe and timely transfer of the patient out of the intensive stabilization and  
17 treatment unit.