

HOUSE No. 1741

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mathew J. Muratore

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 establishing court ordered mental health assisted outpatient treatment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>

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By Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1741) of Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to establishing court ordered mental health assisted outpatient treatment. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1073 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act establishing court ordered mental health assisted outpatient treatment.

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

1 Chapter 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 36C, as
2 appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, the following section:-

3 Section 36D. The department, in collaboration with the department of public health, shall
4 establish a comprehensive program of assisted outpatient treatment to increase the availability of
5 mental health and other services that enhance community participation and improve the
6 engagement, quality of life, and satisfaction level of at risk service recipients. The department
7 shall: (i) create specific criteria to identify at-risk individuals and assess the necessity of court-
8 ordered outpatient treatment and (ii) where necessary, develop a plan and seek a court ordered
9 mandatory outpatient treatment plan for at-risk individuals, including case management and
10 other services the department deems necessary.