

SENATE No. 1139

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 voluntary third-party notification of end of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1139) of Diana DiZoglio and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to voluntary third-party notification of end of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3510 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to voluntary third-party notification of end of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse.

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. Clause (7) of section 19 of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as added by
2 chapter 52 of the acts of 2016, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “risks” the
3 following words:- ; and (8) upon admission provide the patient with forms for the patient’s
4 consideration that include: (i) a health care proxy for the patient’s signature as provided for in
5 chapter 201; and (ii) the designation of a contact to be informed when the patient is: (A)
6 discharged; (B) checks out or leaves the facility or (C) the patient has harmed themselves or
7 threatened to harm themselves.