

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1139**

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**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.

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[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)  
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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.