

SENATE No. 917

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 civil commitment for alcohol and substance use treatment.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i> | <i>First Essex</i> | |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 917) of Diana DiZoglio, Patrick M. O'Connor and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation relative to voluntary civil commitment for alcohol and substance abuse treatment. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3047 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to voluntary civil commitment for alcohol and substance use 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 SECTION 1. The third paragraph of section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by sections 2 and 3 of chapter 8 of the acts of 2016, is hereby amended by striking out
3 the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Any police officer,
4 physician, spouse, blood relative, guardian or court official may petition in writing any district
5 court or any division of the juvenile court department for an order of commitment of a person
6 whom he has reason to believe has an alcohol or substance use disorder; provided, that a person
7 with an alcohol or substance use disorder may petition in writing any district court or any
8 division of the juvenile court department for an order of commitment of themselves.