

**SENATE . . . . . No. 918**

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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 civil commitment length of treatment for alcohol and substance use.

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. 918) of Diana DiZoglio and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to civil commitment length of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3048 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 civil commitment length of treatment for alcohol and substance use.

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

1           The fourth paragraph of Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as amended by  
2           Section 4 of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2016, is hereby amended by striking out the first and  
3           second sentences and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- If, after a hearing which  
4           shall include expert testimony and may include other evidence, the court finds that such person is  
5           an individual with an alcohol or substance use disorder and there is a likelihood of serious harm  
6           as a result of the person’s alcohol or substance use disorder, the court may order such person to  
7           be committed for a period not to exceed 90 days to a facility designated by the Department of  
8           Public Health, followed by the availability of case management services provided by the  
9           Department of Public Health for up to 1 year.