

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1278**

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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 use.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Diana DiZoglio*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex*

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1278) of Diana DiZoglio 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 SENATE, NO. 1139 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to voluntary third-party notification of end 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           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.