

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2404**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Priscila S. Sousa and Kay Khan*

*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 the postpartum treatment of women in correctional facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montañó</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/21/2023</i>

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By Representatives Sousa of Framingham and Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2404) of Priscila S. Sousa, Kay Khan and others relative to the postpartum treatment of women in correctional facilities. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the postpartum treatment of women in correctional facilities.

*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 118 of said chapter 127, as so appearing, is hereby amended by changing the first  
2 sentence of the eighth paragraph to the following:-

3           “During post-delivery recuperation, an inmate shall remain in the hospital until the  
4 attending physician certifies that she may be safely discharged and transferred back to the  
5 correctional facility, as well as until the pediatrician caring for the infant has deemed the infant  
6 has had sufficient time in the biological mother’s presence to reasonably ensure the health of the  
7 infant up to, but not exceeding 72 hours.”