HOUSE . . . . No. 1985

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Amy Mah Sangiolo

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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 commitments and the appeal of those commitments.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Amy Mah Sangiolo	*11th Middlesex*	*1/15/2025*
Patrick Joseph Kearney	*4th Plymouth*	*1/28/2025*

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By Representative Sangiolo of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1985) of Amy Mah Sangiolo and Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to civil commitments and the appeal of those commitments. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

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An Act relative to civil commitments and the appeal of those commitments.

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. Paragraph (a) of section 9 of chapter 123 is hereby amended by striking out

2   the words, "appellate division of the district courts" and inserting in place thereof the

3   words:- "Appeals Court".

4   SECTION 2. Paragraph (a) of section 9 of chapter 123 is hereby amended by inserting a

5   new sentence after "generally" : "Commitments based on alcohol or substance abuse disorder

6   pursuant to chapter 123, section 35 may initially be reviewed by the Superior Court in the same

7   manner as reviews of pre-trial detentions for dangerousness pursuant to chapter 276, section

8   58A."

9   SECTION 3. Paragraph 1 of section 10 of chapter 211A is hereby amended by inserting a

10   new clause after the words "the District Court department criminal session" : "the District Court

11   and Boston Municipal Court civil session, relative to orders of civil commitment only."